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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNA.

My dear Dr Speer:

Your telegram came last evening and your letter this morning and I am sure I do not need to tell you that our chief concern is not about the week's services but about your own health. Of course we are all terribly disappointed that we shall not have the privilege of having you with us for our Spiritual Advance services. We have pointed our whole fall program toward these services under your leadership and have been praying for you and for them. However I am sure God will give us the blessing in some other way.

But now we shall pray for your speedy and complete recovery and look forward to a visit from you at some other time after this operation is successfully passed.

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNA.

Surely you have a wonderful record with the multitude engagements which you have been able to carry out on schedule across the years. And I hope and pray you will be able to go right on for years to come

Our whole session joins with in asking God's Blessing upon you in this experience and also upon Mrs Spear as she goes through it with you.

Most sincerely yours

Pete Ellis

Letter twenty first

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Robert E. Speer, Esq.
Lakeville, Conn/

1/25/45

The Cushmans & Ned Dodd keep us cheered up by good reports on your steady & gratifying recovery. Flowers have therapeutic value, maybe even in picture.

Best from us both

George Ruth Scott

No. 78 Trollius europaeus et Myosotis alpestris
Trolle d'Europe et Myosotis alpestre
Globe-flower and Alpine Forget-me-not
Trollblume und Alpenvergissmeinnicht

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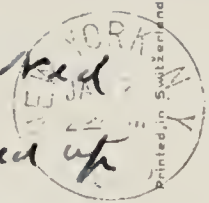


Dr. R. E. Speer

180 Fort Washington Ave

Harlemen Pavellion

N.Y.C.

BARRETT'S MILL ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 9. '44

Dear Robert

I am so glad and thankful that you are better and getting well.

In view of your suggestion about Piper's statement, and with my own second thought about it

we can use it as is, perhaps as one of several short contributions by friends. Chas Paterson of Calcutta is furnishing a somewhat similar statement.

Alice and I are on our way to Hermon where I am visiting preacher tomorrow—

yours always
David Porter

DELAVAN L. PIERSON
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Dr

Dec 21, 1944

Dear Bob.

You tell Caughey happy Encouragement. May Christmas bring New Peace and joy to you and yours, and the New Year bring new health and happy service. We need you but trust you in our Father's keeping.

The Quiet Day Group members have written me, giving thanks that you

could go home for Christmas. We want to keep in touch with your progress and plans so that we can pray intelligently. We want to wait for our Quiet Day until you can be with us in April if possible. Give our loving greetings to Mrs Speer.

Donald & Eva
Drummond

Dear Dr. Speer:- With George Tooker here via the Pacific, & David Tappan, John Bickford & Marjorie Judson via N.Y. — we are here ready for the "Hallelujah Chorus" - indeed - even tho' we do still miss & long for many others to be restored to their families. It all is like a dream, some how — a very wonderful one, with, in these cases, a bright ending.

And bless you & Mrs. Speer have the

Best Wishes for

CHRISTMAS

And Every Day of the

NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Willets

610 So. Adams St

Glendale

Calif

answer to your prayers
and your dear Mar-
garet's home. Somebody
she has been specially
on my heart all thro'
the long months I have
prayed too for her safe
return. I hope she is
well — and may you
be able to forget much!
Do not reply to this;
we are busy home-
hold which has cared
deeply and rejoices
with you — one of many
many.
My best to you all —
there be your loyal
Connecticut Farm-house
Most sincerely
Minnie B. Willett
(Mrs. Chas. William
Remington)

Dec. 17th - 43.

246 Lockwood Ave.
New Rochelle N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer.
I am so very sorry
to learn of your
illness - and for
your future trouble -
I heard from Mr. Buckley
a few days ago that
you were ill - and
vowed he sent you
a line - how comes

so I take a little comfort from
that — but my loneliness is
awful — people here are very
kind — but — alone — this I
wish I was by the fireside —
very one reminds me of
him — I miss me of working
like this — with you ill — but
I feel you need what I am
doing now — I do pray you
may, now, will indeed be
restored — you have not — yet
but you have — not — yet
better — I am so sorry —

your loving note of
sympathy & me-
I too - know how
very dear was Dr. McGregor
to you and respect & love
him - as a friend and
in the "Work" - and
your words mean
much to me. Many
times he said to me
"I don't want to live
if I must be an in-
valid" - and that - is
what - he would have been -

HE CARETH

Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5:7

American Tract Society
7 West 45th St., New York.

No. 49

HE CARETH.

WHAT can it mean? Is it aught to Him
That the nights are long and the days are dim?
Can He be touched by the griefs I bear,
Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair?
Around His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss unruffled by any strife.
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me
While I live in this world where the sorrows be.
When the lights die down from the path I take.
When strength is feeble and friends forsake,

When love and music, that once did bless,
Have left me to silence and loneliness,
And my life-song changes to sobbing prayers,
Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

When shadows hang o'er me the whole day long
And my spirit is bowed with shame and wrong;
When I am not good, and the deeper shade
Of conscious sin makes my heart afraid,
And the busy world has too much to do
To stay in its course to help me through,
And I long for a Saviour—can it be
That the God of the universe cares for me?

Oh, wonderful story of deathless love!
Each child is dear to that heart above.
He fights for me when I cannot fight,
He comforts me in the gloom of night,

He lifts the burden, for He is strong,
He stills the sigh and awakens the song;
The sorrow that bowed me down He bears,
And loves and pardons *because He cares.*

Let all who are sad take heart again;
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above
To soothe and quiet us with His love
He leaves us not when the storm is high
And we have safety, for He is nigh.
Can it be trouble which He doth share?
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord *does care.*

MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

8 Larchmont Ave.

J18

Dear Robert: How are you coming on? I hope favorably. Arthur Bartlett and I are prepared to lie in wait for you, F.B.I. fashion, when you come to New York.

May I ask two questions: Do you know a Dr McEwen, once missionary to Korea, and if so, where he is, if alive? Also, kindly tell me who should print my little book on Jesus – Man of Prayer? When I gave a course a few years ago at the Richmond Seminary, Macmillan and Scribners wrote asking for the MS. I was not in shape to deliver. My impression is that Macmillan is not diligent in advertising – Best love to Dorothy as ever, and to Emma, and best wishes,

Johnston S.

Dear Robert: 1621

We are all rejoicing at your recovery. Our faith in prayer has been greatly strengthened. You were oft remembered at our midweek service, and private devotions. Your work must go on. We need you. Get that sermon ready for West End.

I appreciated, more than words

may express, your recent gracious felicitation. A note from you is a benediction. Many thanks.

Please remember me to Mrs Speer.

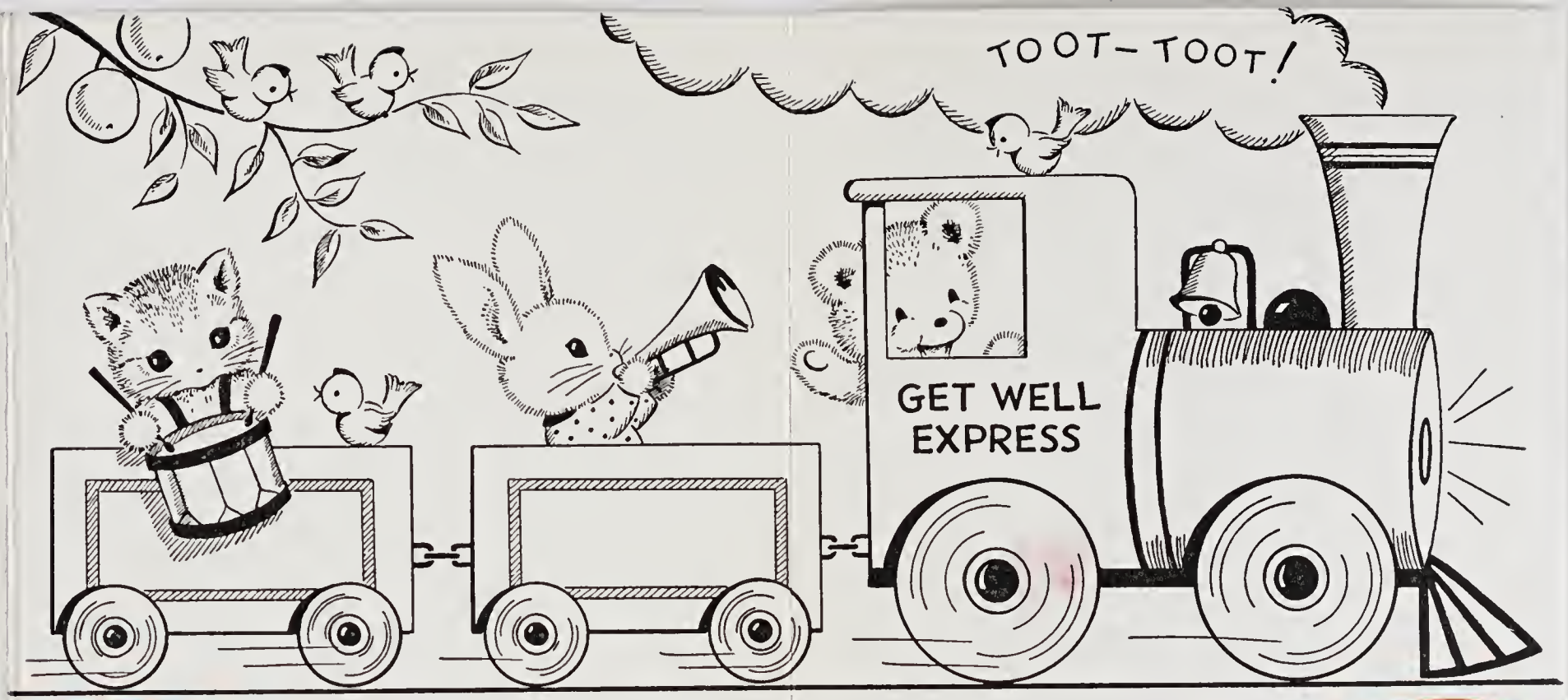
Affectionately

Albert.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

WHILE YOU ARE SICK

Here's
Something New for You to Do



The engine can be blue or red—I wonder which you'll do
Then paint the cars and passengers—
I like red wheels, don't you?

WET YOUR BRUSH—RUB IT ON THESE COLORS TO PAINT THE PICTURE

Dear Robert:- We get our daily reports of you from Ned Dodd's office, & are delighted to hear better news that welcomed me back to N.Y. three days ago.

Your traffic cop.- Hutchings - asks about you & will write you.

Ned says you can't see visitors yet but we are all with you in prayerful & hopeful spirit.

Devotedly

Geo. Scott

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DELAVAN L. PIERSON
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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My Dear Rob-

Dec 1, 1944

So you are home again in Lakeville for Christmas holidays. That will be lovely for you and Mrs Speer and who never can be with you. It will not be much of a real holiday for you but it is certainly a change.

We are very thankful that you are better and that you are in God's loving care. We hope and pray that if it is the Father's will you may soon

keep up and busy with your loving service. There is a difficult time of waiting. I understand that you plan to return to New York for another spell at the hospital and that it will not be safe to expect you at our Guest Day before last of March!

I am writing to our Graces to see what they say about postponing our get-to-gether until then. We don't want to meet without you. I was very sorry not to see you that week. Affectionately, Del

Christmas
Greetings
and best wishes
for the
New Year

Jas

Dear Dr & Mrs Spear

With best wishes
to all for a happy
Christmas

A. C. Currie

GET WELL SOON
It don't seem right to
LAY IN BED!

Hope soon yer
UP TO SCRATCH
INSTEAD!

You may not like my grammar,
You may not like my verse,
But if you want affection
You really could do worse

Than take what I'm a-sending
In this slightly corny pome;
And I hope you'll soon be
scratching
In your garden bed at home.
(And what therefrom you get,
may I be there to et!)
Affectionately always
Nellie Speers

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VOLLAND JOLIET, U.S.A.

With my kindest regards
and hoping to see
you at home soon
again

Yours John McCleary

I pray that you may be wholly well again soon.

JESSE R. WILSON

Jesse
11/20/44

HOME SECRETARY
AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY
152 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Book done by artist friend

While You Are Ill

While you are ill,
the sincerest of thoughts
and best wishes will be with you
every day.

With prayers for your
speedy recovery.
Appreciatively
Anne Kilcrick Shaw.

Dear Doctor Spear, Holly has told me of your illness and I

~~Miss~~ Caroline Putnam Walker

am so sorry. I do hope you are feeling better. Please

(over)

give my affectionate
greetings to Mrs. Speer.

Ever sincerely
Carolin Walker

Simsbury

With love

from

Octavan Pierson

We miss you.
I hope you will soon
be well.

Mrs. Henry van Kleeck Gillmore

124 East Eighty-fourth Street

Lots of love from

Martha

Dr Robert Speer

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UNION LEAGUE CLUB
OF CHICAGO

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2350 Lincoln Pk W.
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Dear Rob

We are so grateful to hear from Dr. Dodd you are so much better. We all send love and thoughts. Affectly

J. W. Smith Stone

We have been remembering you constantly.

With affectionate regards
Yours truly & sincerely

~~Mr.~~ JOHN GRIER BUCHANAN,

Newark

With appreciative
greetings Ross

Sam. Marquis Zwemer

33. Fifth Ave. N.Y.

2217 Jules St. St. Joseph 3 Mo. Feb. 1st/45

Very Dear Dr. Speer:-

Yesterday a letter from the Board, brought me the glad news, that you were surely recovering from the medical operation you had undergone. I am truly thankful to the Giver of all life. May you speedly recover radiant health. Surely our confused world needs to listen a little longer to the wisdom and experience, our Lord has give you, to help solve these staggering questions. May Divine wisdom be given you for the solution of every problem from our Mission fields.

With all best wishes, yours thankfully and gratefully

Edna S. Cole.

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE

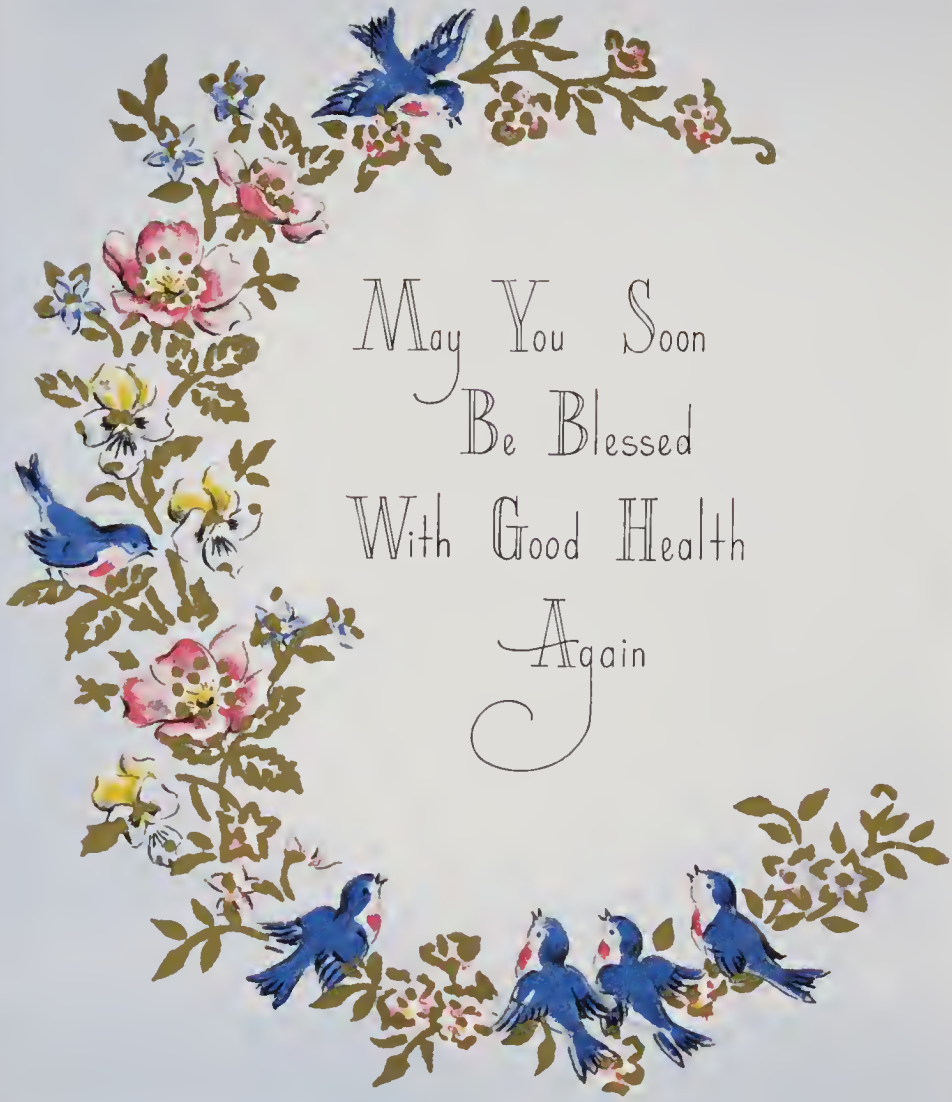
DS

Dear Robert: It is assuring to get that good word from you this morning. I am sharing it with Arthur Goadby, with whom I lunched on Monday, and who was concerned to know how you were doing. We had a most interesting time at the Yale Club reviving the past. He told me things about our P.A.E. men which I had not known. Perhaps the three of us can get together ere long. Please tell Emma I count on her authority to keep you innocuously quiet for the full time recuperation requires. I am shortly to be seventy-eight,— not the age at which burn the candle at both ends and in the center, and I KNOW. My best to you both!

As ever,

Dec.1/44

Thos. S. Long


May You Soon
Be Blessed
With Good Health
Again

Nov. 13, 1844

To Dr. Speer:

I think about you often
And say a little prayer
That God, who watches from above
Will keep you in His care
That He will soon restore
your strength
And that His love will bless
The days and years ahead of you.
With Health and Happiness

Rachel K. Musser.

A DOUBLE SHARE

of Get-Well Wishes

First I'll make
a friendly wish
That you won't be ill much longer-
That day by day, in every way
You'll feel a whole lot stronger

And then I'll make another wish
That when you're good as new
The days ahead will all be filled
With Perfect Health for you

Of course you know how we've all asked about you and thought of you. I hope you have had some good detective stories to read.

Another good companion is "Five Minutes a Day"! I have just finished a complete year of day by day use of it. It is indeed a devotional treasure.

We had a cablegram today from Dr. Leber and Dr. Clothier saying they had completed their visit to Mexico and were leaving for Guatemala. The trio for Africa haven't got all their permissions etc yet.

Warmest good wishes to you and Mrs. Speer from Ruth Elliott

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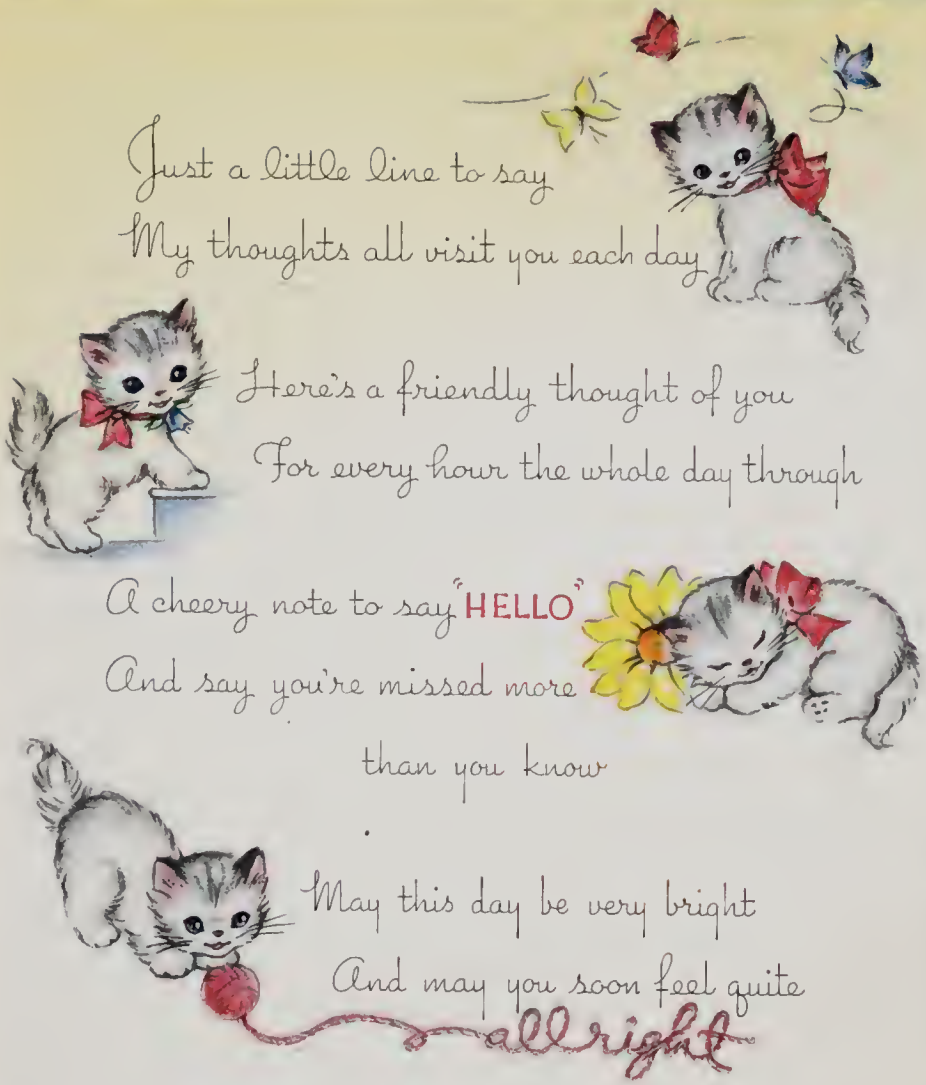
R.E.S.

To You in the Hospital


Just a little line to say
My thoughts all visit you each day
Here's a friendly thought of you
For every hour the whole day through
A cheery note to say "HELLO"
And say you're missed more
than you know
May this day be very bright
And may you soon feel quite
all right

May many pleasant things combine
To make this whole day

BRIGHT and **FINE**

If all your friends could come to call
Your room would never hold
them all

Hoping that you'll soon
possess
Perfect **HEALTH** and **HAPPINESS**

[See Inside.]

Phone Chin 11/2

ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

October 25, 1944

Dear Robert:

I have just learned that you have decided to make a short visit to the Thanksgiving Pavilion. I understand that you were assisted in reaching that decision by a few hints that it would be desirable in your own interest as your bodily machine needs a little repair. Be of good cheer. I made a perfect recovery three years ago from the same operation, and I was then seven years older than you are now. The experience was not exactly a pleasure at the time, but I found it spiritually enriching. I shall give you absent treatment in thought and prayer every day, as many others will; in the full assurance that "my God shall supply every need of yours", not a part of your

needs, but "every" one, and not in scanty measure, but "according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus". Those words of Paul sustained me wonderfully in my hospital days, and I know that you too are finding them true.

Eleanor joins me in affectionate remembrance of you, dear Robert, and of Mrs. Speer.

Arthur

WRW/jsp

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

26 October 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
W 168th Street and Riverside Dr.
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

Word has come from New York that you are in the Hospital and I wanted to send this note to carry to you my warm sympathy and my best wishes for a speedy recovery.

You have truly been an "Iron Man" in your capacity for work and endurance of fatigue and strain and long hours, and word that you were incapacitated, even temporarily, is hardly credible. I remember how deftly you knocked me off the spar when we were on the trip to South America, even though I had the advantage of being more than 20 years your junior. I hope you can knock out whatever opponent is now keeping you horizontal and will soon be able to return to your accustomed activity.

That was wonderful word contained in your last letter about the safe arrival of your grandson. I rejoice with Billy and Betty and with you over this good gift of God to your family.

I was reading two days ago from your little book, "Five Minutes A Day", and I copied out one of the poems which I liked especially to send to Connie. I am enclosing a copy and will not forget to carry out its message in your behalf.

With love and best wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

W. R. Wheeler

W. R. WHEELER
Major, T. C.
Port Historian

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Thursday 26 October 1944

Dear Dr. Speer, –

You have been much in my thoughts since your letter came last week just as I was starting for a seminar in Indiana. One from me to you crossed yours to me, but it was sent to Lakeville and probably did not reach you. This note today is not to ask for anything or to tell you anything, but simply to speak of my concern for your quick recovery with "repairs" completed and of my gratitude for all you have meant in my life from the time in Andover, in 1904, when you spoke to us from Phil. 4[8], until today when I read, as I do each morning on reaching the office, a page from

"Five Minutes A Day." How many, many men there are who, like me, all unknown to you have been helped along the Way, guided into new understanding of the Truth, and enabled better to live the Life through your ministry! I write in gratitude and affection.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Howard.

Lakeville, Conn.
October 27, 1944

Dear Mrs Speer,

I received your welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear that Mr Speer is well. I have been worried about him since he left Rockledge.

While you have been away we have put the storm windows on up stairs

Would you tell Mr Speer to take it easy as everything is well up here. I have not got better myself worst if anything. I did not go get Judge as Sundays would be a problem. Please do not mention anything

to Mrs Speer about me..

Mrs Hatch called up yesterday and I gave her your address. Hope you are well yourself and Mr Speer improve rapidly for his return home.

Sincerely Yours,

Bill

REID STUART DICKSON
WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

Rec'd 11/2

October twenty-seventh,
1 9 4 4.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Word has just come to me that you have been compelled to go through a surgical operation. I wish that I were near enough to run in to see you in the days when you will be able to receive visitors, but you will be much on my heart and in my prayer.

May God bless you richly and may you have a complete and speedy recovery.

Affectionately yours,

Reid.

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Call him up.

Phone from 11/3 Sunday

October 27, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
620 West 168 Street
New York, N Y

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing personally and on behalf of the Board and its staff to express to you our regret that it has been necessary for you to lay up for repairs. You have our prayers for your speedy recovery. Your ministry to the Church-at-large since your retirement from the Board of Foreign Missions has been blessed of God and we all hope it will be possible for you to continue it for years to come. We remembered you in prayer at our noon-day meeting yesterday and shall continue to think of you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. Graham Wilson

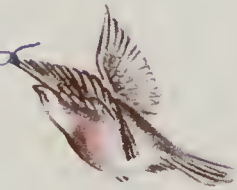
Good Cheer

A CHORUS OF GOOD WISHES

for an Early Recovery

Thinking of you and hoping
That it won't be long before
You're feeling like
yourself again
And you're out
in the sun once more

Hope you are well real
soon.
Eleanor



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To greet you - Dr. Speer.

I thought I would send you some flowers
But I knew you had flowers galore

I tried hard to find you a NEW book
But I couldn't find one in the store

I did want to send you some volume
To keep you amused while in bed

So here's one of my own
All fresh and unknown -
A book that you never have read!

H.D.S.

To R.E.S.

To convalesce
Is such a mess
When you're the one that's in it

But when it's through
And you're like new

It seems like just a minute!

From
H.D.S.

To B.S.S.

To comrades
In such a mood
I'm sure you're glad to see it

But when it's through
And you've had your fill

Come like just a minute!

Yours

H.J.S.

Why is it?

ere are so many things
o make us feel sad
And yet we always feel sadder.

ere are so many more things
make us feel glad
Why is it we never feel gladder?

Why is it ?

we are so many things
make us feel mad
and yet we always feel rather

we are so many more things
make us feel glad
Why is it we never feel glad ?

hen I am sick, as sick can be
seem to think in poetry

e longer I am kept in bed
e more strange thoughts go through my head

I were kept here long enough
d write an awful lot of stuff!

Wisdom?

When I was a tot
I Knew a lot
But tried hard not to show it

The older I grow
The less I know
But I still try not to show it!

Experiment

[illegible]-use went coasting with the kids
[illegible] decided go a bunk -
[illegible] back and got a phone
[illegible] Conrad in lake of Bunks

[illegible] given me when so crystal glass
[illegible] days were mountains begin
[illegible] decide point it cleared my head
[illegible] but hurt my lower region.

[illegible] out a swimming pool
[illegible] because the kids invited -
[illegible] brought some, the had [illegible],
[illegible] left the kids quieted.

(cont)

Now just because I tried to be
A kid although I couldn't
I coast no more. Germs still explore
My innards, though they shouldn't.

Now kids are just allowed to do
The things that grown-ups let them.
If grown-ups try to kids out-vie
Their age will surely get them!

Spirited youth is strength in a minute.
When your lips are twisted
and your heart is troubled
make your bed while you are in it.

Inspired your fire burns in the hearth
Site next a whole quarter
Only half way down
must have been a potato peel.

Tranquilized mind are beyond my ken
You are dropped to sleep.
Deep, deep sleep
they wake you up at six AM

Inspired day come in at eight
The time is passed
Out of jam, jam last
an coffee arrives two hours late!

(Pray)

many hospital ways still remain unknown
The noises and smells
The lights and the bells
And if you ask me - I want to go home!

on January

My Prayer for a New Year.

Master of Life, hold Thou possessive sway
Over my life through each successive day.
Guard Thou my actions, may they ever be
Gentle in service for mankind and Thee.

Master of Love, gird Thou my heart with Thine
Restrain my wants by fortitude divine
May all my needs be met in service free
Prompted by love as Thou hast loved me.

Master of Law, be Thou my guiding light
Grant me one freedom to perform the right
Bind Thou my spirit only when in me
Thou findest sin that keeps my soul from Thee.

Master of Time, through every day I live
Help me be kind and teach me to forgive.
May no heart suffer pain because of me
Master of Time and of Eternity.

Sonnet

My Hours go flow upon.

[illegible]er of life shall then possession gain
[illegible] my life through such possession daily
[illegible] then my actions, from that sweet [illegible]
[illegible]s in persuasive to remind one then.

[illegible]tter of fare, quick then my heart with this
[illegible] then my words to particle divine
[illegible] all my needs be met in persuasive ways
[illegible]ted for love as then that heart have I me.

[illegible]ter of course, be then my guiding light
[illegible] my are freedom to welcome the sweet
[illegible] then my joyful only when in me
[illegible] physical pain that keeps my soul from me.

[illegible]ter of time, through every day of life
[illegible] me be kind and steal me to begin.
[illegible] no heart suffer pain because of me
[illegible]ter of time and of eternity.

on February

here is no joy to winter I am told
ll is too bleak and bare and hard and cold.

What helps us then enjoy a cozy nook
with lamp alight above a favorite book?

hat then brings more of pleasure and delight
han logs that burn and crackle through the night?

hat light more cheerful than a candle's flame?
n such bright glow be praise – but never blame.

o joy to winter? We have then to find
he solace hidden in a quiet mind.

Schumann

is as Joy to winter. Sam told
to too black out fire and find out cold.

t Helps us then enjoy a cozy week
? Lamp alight above a favorite book?

- then having warmth, pleasure and delight
- Keep that time and anxiety through the night?

light more cheerful than a candle flame?
such bright glow to gives - but warm thoughts.

ay to winter? The time then to find
? Solace hidden in so quiet words.

On March

The air is cold this morning
The wind is sharp and strong
And from a cedar just outside
I hear a sparrow's song

He sings a song of springtime
But everywhere I look
Deep snow has crusted all the earth
And ice is on the brook.

He fluffs his downy feathers
While basking in the sun.
He gives a little shiver
As each song is begun.

My own heart now is singing
In spite of cold and snow
I feel the touch of April
And Spring is near — I know.

Then suddenly and swiftly
My little sparrow starts
His flight to other windows
To cheer some other hearts.

Morals.

He sin to call this morning
He wind is rolling round clearly
And upon a garden just outside
Filled by a crowded assembly.

Listening is very it repeating time
That intensifies illusion
Keep around the counted as the count
And is on the ground.

It fully the clearing nothing
Until training on the plan.
It give a light shining
To lead people to open.

My own heart never is moving
In reality it cold and small
Feel the sound of light
And shining in vain — a tower

Our emotional and joyfully
Little pleasure strong
It fully to other universe
Other, from other world.

For April

On Easter Day.

No voice attends the rising sun
No trumpet sounds when Spring has come.
No bells ring out when buds unfold
But children's songs are thousandfold
On Easter Day.

When Jesus died, night came too soon
And brought no silver star, no moon
To light the darkness. Death was strong
But could not hush the Angels' song
On Easter Day.

Dear heart, what matter then the grave?
Can man again man's soul enslave?
Through every horn thy voice can sing
Thy God became a risen King
On Easter Day.

Lyric

(In Quiet Tone)

Love outlives life, lighting our
Journey through sorrow, offering hope
Tells living souls, when truth unfolds
Our children, people, our thousand-fold
(In Quiet Tone)

When alone and, night-time, tears
Through hours, no sides, stars, no fears
Light the darkness. Death was strong
Could not find the Purple song
(In Quiet Tone)

In truth, what mortal can the pain?
Our lives again means paul evolve?
Through every tear, the view from hind
Of God becomes heaven kind
(In Quiet Tone)

For May

To you who love the city best
Who find in noise and crowds your rest
Better get out before too long
And learn the notes of the sparrow's song.
Walk alone in some grassy lane
And see what you can of the earth again.
Look to the sky through the friendly trees
And feed your soul on their harmonies.
Learn of the rest and the peace of the sod,
Listen, alone, to the voice of God.
You'll never enjoy your garden bed.
You'll be living then —
but now you're dead!

Thou

to you who have the only real-
the spirit to voice and crusade upon that
subject without taking too long.
and learn the value of the professional pong.
look where to point pressing flow
and see what upon one of the earth again.
their on the day through the yearly take
and lift upon and on this tomorrow.
learn of the real one in peace of the pos-
sible, where, to the time of God
you'll never enjoy upon provide real.
you'll be living then -

Just know upon be alone!

For June

Who loveth?

at man was black who bore the Cross of Glory,
nd Christ Himself had skin of olive hue.
e was not white, who told the wondrous story.
e was not Christian. He was born a Jew.

e let the black man bear the Cross. He only
ould know the load the black man bore was light.
e black man knew this Jew so weak and lonely
would die to save his soul that very night.

e who are white without – what love propelleth
ur lives? Have we a right to selfish pride?
black man bears our cross, our force compelleth,
ut unlike Christ, for him we have not died.

June

Tulip Level?

[illegible] when we think with tears in eyes of [illegible]
[illegible] Himself had taken of which the
[illegible] great relief, we feel its wonderful [illegible]
[illegible] great consolation. We are been [illegible]

[illegible] the tulip room then he goes. He really
[illegible] knew he had the tulip room long was lovely.
[illegible] tulip room tower this day - so neat and lovely
[illegible] this we have the most that very useful.

[illegible] when until without - total love [illegible]
[illegible] ? How is right to [illegible] ?
[illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] tulip. In this we have [illegible].

for July

The Answer

Not for the city streets you tread
Not for the soil you plow
Not for your fortunes have we bled
Not these – our death kept vow.

Not for the things your hands can frame
Not the homes where you abide
Not these – they can be built again.
But for your freedom have we died.

The Conversion

In the only possible upon based
on the real upon people
for whom finally there we that
other - our death - legal view.

The things upon needs our from
the forms where upon outside
these - they can be death again.
In upon, just come from we child.

For August

To a Humming Bird

It must be nicer than I think
To sip a rose and take a drink
Of water that is morning dew,
Sweet-tasting, like the rose-bud, too.

It must be fun each time you sup
To use a flower for a cup
And never have to set a table,
For you have wings, and you are able

To do the things I wish I could.

But wishing doesn't do much good!

August

To a Drowning Bird

I cannot be alone when I think
of a tree and take a drink
under that a morning dear
at - treating, like the wee-bird, to

I must be alone each time you come
use a flower for a cup
and never have it not a while,
a year from spring, and again are odd.

to the things I need I could

it nothing than I as much gone

For September

Birthdays come
And Birthdays go
Without one slight endeavor
If you keep on
the way you've gone
You'll celebrate forever.

Birthday Song.

Dear Birthday girl
Have one delight and pleasure.
May your heart
Be never filled with grief
Till golden locks grown.

For October

Reflections

Look back to learn.
Look back not to recall
Days of distress and sorrow.

Live now, not turn
Lest turning thou shalt fall
Into a pit. Nor borrow

Future concern,
Live now, and simple faith withal
Shall care for thy tomorrow.

Objects

Introduction

[illegible] that I want to learn.
[illegible] that we need to research
[illegible] of civilization and government.

[illegible] we have not been
[illegible] - learning this point fail
[illegible] to a fact. For however

[illegible] future generations,
[illegible] we have, and simple fact without
[illegible] that can be the very storehouse.

For November

To WPS from HDS.

I'm thankful for so many things -
Moonlight on the water -
Sunshine on the sea gulls wings -
Little children's laughter.

A whiff of breakfast bacon
With coffee brewing, too -
Some new task undertaken -
One kindly deed to do.

The first song bird of early spring
The last red leaf of fall,
For home and every common thing -
For you - the most of all.

Transition

Notes from Pub.

Thought of an imaginary
midnight omelette, made -
returns on the pale evening -
the children laughter.

Staff of beautiful tureen
of coffee, steaming, too -
non-stop immediation -
Terrible clank do do.

Light among trial of sandy rhyming
that pal leaf of gold.
Home comes every Common thing -
you - the moment of all.

In December

People look different to me in December.
Eyes have a light that is shining again.
Slow steps have quickened as people remember
a star and a stable and "Good will to men".

It's Christmas

hen fathers tramp from work to home
look for trees and cart them home
nd never stop to grump or groan -
You guess, it's Christmas.

hen all the little naughty boys
window - shopping just for toys
nt never fight or make a noise -
You think, it's Christmas.

hen little girls are never bold
nd do exactly as they're told
nd always act as good as gold -
You pay, it's Christmas.

hen mothers work with mains and might
o get the decorations right
nd never sleep a wink that night
You know it's Christmas.

The Christmas

Children running from light to light
Up to trees dark dim from
Windows flap to opening a green
Expectation the Christmas.

Or the little moonlit house
Indoor - whispering just by a lamp
Mere light to make a house
Shine think, the Christmas.

Little girls are mere frost
Do excitedly as they're stood
Calming red are opened on a pink
Jumping, the Christmas.

Men rattling work with rooms and twilight
Get the dazzle above night
Men sleep a lucky that night
Enjoy Inner the Christmas.

O Eastern Star

Eastern Star, that shone above a stable
ould all your radiant glow have been as bright
f many had been queen in some great palace
hen Jesus came to her that Christmas night?

Eastern Kings, who bowed before a manger
ould you have brought the gifts you once did bring
that bright star had stopped above a palace
nd you had found no babe - but just a king?

Heavenly Choir, who sang the song of glory
ould you have sung your song in some fine hall
you had found a prince in regal splendor
nstead of just a baby in a stall?

Lonely Shepherds, you would not have found Him
ough you had Star and Kings and Choir to guide.
u would have been too poor, too meek, too lowly.
o palace guard would let you step inside.

Little Babe, who chose a humble stable
nd left the doors and windows open wide
r Star-light, Eastern Kings and holy Angels -
But most - that shepherds might not be denied.

Eastern Star

Eastern Star, that shone above a stable
and then vanished - where - from sun, so bright
any that been quench in some great peace
Stars seem to be that - Christmas night?

Him living in a house before a manger
then from heaven the public can have did long
Wise men - you had a table - but just a king?

Wonderful Star, who sang the song of glory
and then from army tower going in some fine hall
you had found a prince in royal splendor
and if just a baby in a stable?

Wise Strangers, you would not have found this
if Star had stay and living and Christ to guide
would have been too poor, too much humbly
place good would let upon step inside

Little Babe, who chose a humble stable
birth. The doors and inns were closed - stay inside
Star-light, seekers, living and holy angels -
it must - that straight to night's rest to dawn.

Mary's Song

mile, my precious one, poor though thou be
Wise men and shepherds are searching for thee,
ming to worship, their treasures they bring,
Smile, my precious one, Thou art a King!

ile, my precious one, let nothing mar
Pathways of silver down from the star.
gels from Heaven have come here to sing.
Smile, my precious one, Thou art a King!

mile, my precious one, smile and console
Sorrows of agony deep in my soul.
ace must thou leave and joy must thou bring.
Smile, my precious one, Thou art a King!

mile, my precious one, weep not no frown,
Time will come swiftly for wearing Thy Crown.
rough years unending Church bells will ring.
Smile, my precious one, Thou art a King!

Gloria's Song

Ah, my precious one, you thought that you
[illegible] and physicals are according to the
[illegible] so wrongly, then because that thing,
Hale, my precious one, Thou art a King!

My precious one, let nothing mar
[illegible] of which shown from the [illegible]
[illegible] from those dark cold [illegible] of
Hale, my precious one, Thou art a King!

[illegible] my precious one, [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] dust on my head.
[illegible] that soon and you must [illegible] thing.
Hale, my precious one, Thou art a King!

[illegible], my precious one, [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] will come [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Christ will [illegible]
Hale, my precious one, Thou art a King!

Little Baby

he Baby, safely sleep
the stable with the sheep
ram Thy pillow
all Thy bed.
ilvery starlight round Thy head.

Safely sleep, Thy mother nigh
Angels sing Thy lullaby.
Glory, glory, Bethlehem –
Glory, glory, Peace to men.

tle Baby, safely sleep
ly cattle vigil keep
epherds worship
gels kneel
phets do Thy life reveal.

Safely sleep, Thy mother nigh
Angels sing Thy lullaby.
Glory, glory, Bethlehem –
Glory, glory, Peace to men.

Little Baby

Baby, peaceful sleep
Stable with the sheep
The children
Star bed.
Very star light round the head.

Gently sleep, the mother says
Smile giving the lullaby.
Glory, Glory, Bethlehem –
Glory, Glory, Peace to men.

Baby, peaceful sleep
Cattle still keep
Hands towards
Heaven
Will do the little second.

Gently sleep, the mother says
Smile giving the lullaby.
Glory, Glory, Bethlehem –
Glory, Glory, Peace to men.

Conclusion

If I should measure life by years
And not by work and joy and tears -
Some say my life is half-way done.
But deep within I've just begun
To understand that time, for me,
Is measured by eternity.

Harriet D. Schell
November 1944

Conclusion

[illegible] should remember that the equation
[illegible] not the work and, in and taste -
[illegible] our, our life is still - very dear.
[illegible] but deep within, the year-begun
[illegible] understand that time, for us,
[illegible] measured by eternity

Herbert C. Schell
Tarrytown 1944

November 9, 1944

Dr. Sherwood Eddy
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Eddy:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfamiliar and trying experience it is for Dr. Speer to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 50 years. But he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of his operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

SHERWOOD EDDY
52 VANDERBILT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

October 29 Sunday 1919

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thanks for your undeservedly kind note. Even before you wrote I had heard from two sources of Roberts' stay in the hospital and had been constantly remembering him in prayer. had the same operation a ode ago and have been

new man with a new

lease of life ever since.

Yours sincerely

— Sherwood Eddy.

I am getting suggestions

from Bailey, George Scott, & Wm

Shell about my sketch of

Roberts' life. An hour ago I read of

his being used of God in the tent at Keswick

to transform & kindle the lives of Oldham,

Gairdner, Thornton, & Donald Fraser, the

leaders of the British Student Christian

Movement (cf Temple Gairdner of Cairo

by C. Padwick p. 48, etc)

November 9, 1944

Mr. David Porter
Room 260
Library of Congress Annex
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Porter:

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His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of the operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

Dear Mr. Porter:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter and Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer at Charlottesville and I am trying to get a story about Dr. Speer.

For our imaginary what is difficulties are, I am sure, perhaps it is for Dr. Speer to be tied up in his own life history time is about to leave. But he has been a very good patient.

Dr. Speer's condition continues to give us good reason to be his not leaving from the first stage. I the operation and I feel he is good shape, though his condition is very critical section. I am afraid it is going to be a long case.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rob W.

hn R. Mott, Chairman
New York

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Address Reply to
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex
Washington 25, D. C.

31 Oct. 1944

Dear Mrs Speer,

I am sorry indeed to hear of Roberts internment, — you see how my work affects my language! Please give him my affectionate regards and the assurance of my prayers. How like him it is to have finished the chapter on George Irving before the Doctors caught up with him. I wish I were as forehanded.

I have just been counting up and I find I have sent just a million books to our Geneva warehouse since Jan. 1. These seem to be of great help and comfort to our men — and allies too — who are shut up within the barbed wire pens. I heard last week of a Canadian POW who has a five year old daughter whom he has never seen.

I hear that the new year has begun

Educational Service with the cooperation of World Student Relief, the Bureau of International Education, and other members of the Consultative Committee in Geneva, Switzerland.

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very well at Mount Hermon. Most of my teachers are still there* and I see no reason why Ruhendall may not do very well. They changed before he came the smoking rule which is bound to affect the life of the Scho in many ways. I remember Dr Drew telling me a few years ago: "I cann imagine myself even attempting to run a School where boys were allowed to smoke."

Mrs Porter and I had a happy decade at Hermon and we are not sorry, under all the circumstances, to have other demanding and rewarding work to do.

Always yours
David Porter

*you doubtless know that Carl Thompson went in the summer into some Strategic Services related to India.

November 9, 1944

Mr. Cleveland E. Dodge
40 Wall Street
New York, 5, N. Y.

Dear Cleve:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfamiliar and trying experience it is for Dr. Speer to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 50 years. But he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of the operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

November 2, 1944

Mr. Clarence E. Hodge
40 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Clarence:

Unfortunately of course, as Mr. Piper, my I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Sweet has just turned over to me. She is with Mr. Piper at the time, and I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfortunate thing my perhaps be it for GA. Lower to begin up in the fall that has in about 40 years. But it has been a very good period.

My condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the treatment of two months ago, as well as we could wish, though his condition is not critical before. I am hoping it will come to a long period.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Edward Weeks

CLEVELAND E. DODGE
40 WALL STREET
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

October 31, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

May I add a personal line to go with this letter from the Near East Relief. We missed you especially at the dinner the other night, when all of your friends there asked about you. I am sorry to learn from George Scott that you have not been well, but hope that you will soon be greatly improved.

With warmest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Cleveland E. Dodge

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

November 9, 1944

Rev. Frank L. Gosnell
Second Presbyterian Church
William Street
Auburn, New York

Dear Dr. Gosnell:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of the letters to Dr. Speer - and among them your much appreciated letter of a few days ago.

Dr. Speer's condition has been giving us some concern as he has not rallied as well from the first stage of his operation as we would hope, though it is not at all uncommon for patients to go through this stage and then pick up successfully later. His condition is not critically serious. But we will be glad when he begins to pick up strength again.

Under the circumstances, I am afraid he will have to give the same answer to all inquiries as to future engagements -- they will have to be tabled for the present -- much as he would regret to have to reply in this way.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

November 9, 1944

Rev. Frank L. Conrad
Second Presbyterian Church
Willis Street
Auburn, New York

Dear Dr. Conrad:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of the letters to Dr. Speer -- and would have your much appreciated letter of a few days ago.

Dr. Speer's conditions are hard trying to make concern at he has not realized as well from the first stage of his operation as we would wish. Though it is not at all unknown for patients to through this stage and then pass on to complete recovery. His condition is not critical at present. But we will be glad when he begins to pick up strength again.

Under the circumstances, I am sure he will have to give the same answer to all invitations as to those requests -- that will have to be tabled for the present -- such as he would report to have to report in this war.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SHD/W

Second Presbyterian Church
William Street
Auburn, New York

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October 31, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Mr. and Mrs Edwin F. Metcalf of Auburn are giving to the Second Presbyterian Church a beautiful little chapel for private devotions and small worship services, weddings, funerals, baptisms. The chapel is small, will hold only about 50 people and has been built inside our present building, but it is a little gem of architecture planned by Mr. Collens of Boston the same architect who planned Dr. Fosdick's Riverside Church. It will be completed sometime after the first of the year and plans to beautify our church hallway to harmonize with the beauty of the new chapel may prolong the construction for several months longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf spend their winters at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they tell me you spoke at a church dedication recently. We are planning the dedication of the chapel in May after Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf return to Auburn, and at their request, I am writing to ascertain if you would be willing to come to Auburn sometimein May and speak at the dedication of the chapel. We are planning to have a public address system so that a large number of people can be accommodated in nearby rooms and hear what is said at the time of the dedication. I think that we could arrange a date to suit your convenience and will take care of whatever honorarium or expenses will be involved.

I hope very much that you can accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours

Frank L. Gosnell

Frank L. Gosnell

FLG:AW

No reply needed.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Madison Avenue at Olive Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Peter Kenneth Emmons, Minister

November 1st, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

At the request of the committee planning for our Westminster Spiritual Advance, I am writing to assure you of our disappointment in your being unable to lead us in this week of spiritual uplift, but, at the same time, we want you to know that our prayers for your speedy and complete recovery are with you constantly, and we are sure that in these days when you are unable to follow your program as planned there will come time for reflections that may ultimately prove enriching.

We are sure you will keep us in your thinking, but please do not be concerned, for one of our chief interests will be a complete restoration to your place of leadership in the church.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Richard J. Matthews

Chairman

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Dear Dr. Speer,

I have been distressed to hear that you are ill and in hospital. Ned Dodd has told me about your operation and the necessity of another to deal effectively with your ailment. May you speedily be well again and restored to loved ones and to tasks that you love. In the meantime you are being lovingly remembered by

the prayers of many. I have asked God to keep me in constant touch with your progress.

I have been on hand at meetings of the Council on Christian Education. Tomorrow the Board of Church Cooperation and Unity meets.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself vouchsafe you the sweet presence in your lonelinesses and his strength in your weakness.

With loving remembrance

Yours ever

John Mackay

Dear Dr & Mrs. Speer:

Just a note (which must not be answered) to assure you that you are very much in our love and devotions these days.

N 2 '44 Ray Anderson

EDWIN M. BULKLEY
TWENTY-FIVE BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

November 2, 1944.

My dear Emma;

In spirit you must know me to be ever present with you, but not an hour passes without my wishing I knew more, and could do more, rather than nothing as it seems at present.

I telephoned to Beth last evening, after her visit with you, in order to get the latest word; and Lucy is again with you this morning, I hope, for a little.

Among other things you must not allow yourself to be overtaxed by callers, correspondence, or what-not.

Please simply think of me as upon the telephone at any time ready and willing to do to the utmost of ability in any direction.

Consideration for your dear self will keep me from telephoning unless there be special reason.

It troubles one's heart that dear Rob must necessarily pass through so much which is painful, but the happy reward will be had in time.

Ever in devotion,

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
New York, N.Y.

Dictated but not read.

November 9, 1944

Rev. Raymond C. Walker
Market Square Presbyterian Church
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. Walker:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

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His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of the operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

November 3, 1944

Rev. Raymond C. Walker
Market Square Presbyterian Church
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. Walker:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Glover, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Glover has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Glover all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfortunate and trying experience it is for Dr. Glover to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 30 years. But he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us more concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of the operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critical; rather, I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EMB/k

RAYMOND C. WALKER, MINISTER
THE MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Nov. 2 - 1964

Dear Dr Spurr

I am distressed
to hear of your illness and of the
necessity of your being in a
hospital. Several days ago I met
Dr. Emmons at a dinner and he
gave me the news.

You appeared to us so well when
you came with us that I never
dreamed that such an ex-
perience would come within
a few days. Somehow, I suppose
all of us who have known you
and loved you through the years
had come to feel that you would
always be on hand to help us
when needed and that your
strong body would just keep on
functioning without any
interruption. However, now that

you are laid aside for a time
you may be sure that all of y
friends will be praying for
recovery and that even the
may flow a source of blessing
you.

We are so much interested
for your personal and mem
in connection with our Conf
and the men of our Presbyt
are so appreciative of your lea
leadership during the few
our sojourn in California Ba

May you be marvellously
sustained during these days
and may you rely + trust
gradually the peace that
passeth all understanding

Very sincerely yours,
Raymond L. Phel

Brown Memorial Church
BALTIMORE-17, MD.
THE CHURCH HOUSE
1316 PARK AVENUE

Nov 2, 1944

Dear Mrs. Speer:-

A letter from Mamie has just brought me word of your dear husband's, and my beloved friend's, illness. Isn't it grand that you can be close at hand in the Coffin's home.

Please give my dearest love to Dr. Speer and tell him I shall be trying to give him my own version of what the Christian Scientists call "absent

treatment." That means standing very very close to you both, in thought and affection and prayer.

Blessings on you both every minute.

Yours affectionately
Guthrie Ferrier

SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Nov. 3/44

My dear Robert – Only this afternoon we heard from Dr. Sherwood Eddy that you were in Hospital. Our thoughts & prayers are with you daily & hourly. Mrs. Zwemer & I send our love to you & we know that our Father will fulfill all His gracious promises to you moment by moment.

Yours affectionately

Sam.

November 9, 1944

Dr. William H. Foulkes
94 South Munn Avenue
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Dr. Foulkes:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfamiliar and trying experience it is for Dr. Speer to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 50 years. But he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of his operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

November 7, 1944

Mr. William B. Fowlkes
94 South Mount Avenue
East Orange, N. J.

Dear B. Fowlkes:

In behalf of B. and Mrs. Spear, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Spear has just turned over to me. She is with B. Spear all the time and I am trying to get a long-short twice a week.

Joe and Regina met in Jefferson and during experience it is fine. Spear to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 30 years. But he has been a very patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern. He has not suffer from the first shock of his condition as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critical serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long haul.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMB/s

AM HIRAM FOULKES
unn Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

Summer Address:
Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y.

Nov 3-44

East Orange, N.J.

Enc'd 11/9

ar Robert :-

May our loving Lord bless you and give you every needed grace in these trying times! "He is able to keep!"

With deep appreciation

William

Dear Mrs. [illegible]:

Dear E. [illegible]:

In behalf of Dr. [illegible] Dear, may I [illegible] your much appreciated letter which Mrs. [illegible] turned over to me. She is sick in. Spent all the time. And I am trying to get to there about twice a week.

You are leaving that in [illegible] and trying experience is too. Spent to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 30 years. And he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern. He has not rallied from the first stage of his [illegible] as we would wish, showing his condition is not [illegible] serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long [illegible].

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

[illegible]

November 9, 1944

Rev. C. Ralston Smith
Pine Street Presbyterian Church
Third Street at Pine
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of the letters to Dr. Speer -- and among them your much appreciated letter of a few days ago.

Dr. Speer's condition has been giving us some concern as he has not rallied as well from the first stage of his operation as we would hope, though it is not at all uncommon for patients to go through this stage and then pick up successfully later. His condition is not critically serious. But we will be glad when he begins to pick up strength again.

Under the circumstances, I am afraid he will have to give the same answer to all inquiries as to future engagements -- they will have to be tabled for the present -- much as he would regret to have to reply in this way.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

November 5, 1944

Rev. D. Stanton Smith
Pine Street Presbyterian Church
Third Street at Pine
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of the letters to Dr. Speer -- you know, those you send occasionally after a few years.

Dr. Speer's health has been quite by some standards as he now has failing at well from the first stage of his heart condition he would hope, though it is not at all uncommon for patients to go through this crisis and then pick up successfully later. His condition is not critically serious. But it will be quite some he begins to pick-up strength again.

During the convalescence, I am trying to still have to give the same answer to all inquiries as to future engagements -- they will have to be tabled for the present -- also as he did regard to have to reply in this way.

With kind est regards,

Sincerely,

SSD/k

PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD STREET AT PINE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

C. RALSTON SMITH
MINISTER

Again possibility
Dr. Spear

November 4, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Spear
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Spear:

We heard this week that you were not well and that you were to be confined to the hospital for a time. We hope that this letter will find you much improved and fit to again take up your busy and useful life. I hope your illness had no direction connection with your visit to Carlisle Presbytery.

At our Session meeting this week we discussed the possibility of your coming for a week's meeting in the Spring and I am writing to inquire whether your schedule would permit an engagement for a period of a week including two Sundays, immediately following Easter. I will be glad to hear from you concerning the possibility of such an arrangement and also to learn any details you would like by way of honorarium and preparation of the congregation, etc.

We have an earnest group of people and we believe that they will hear you with real profit to their souls and we hope you can plan to be here.

Yours sincerely,

C. Ralston Smith

crs:bge

November 8, 1944

Dr. John W. Wood
402 W. 20th Street
New York, 11, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wood:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter which Mrs. Speer has just turned over to me. She is with Dr. Speer all the time. And I am trying to get up there about twice a week.

You can imagine what an unfamiliar and trying experience it is for Dr. Speer to be laid up in bed for the first time in about 50 years. But he has been a very good patient.

His condition continues to give us some concern as he has not rallied from the first stage of his operation as well as we would wish, though his condition is not critically serious. I am afraid it is going to be a long pull.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD/k

Nov. 4. 1944

402 WEST TWENTIETH STREET
NEW YORK 11

Sad 11/9

Dear Speer:

Last evening, at one of the occasional dinners of the Fellowship of Overseas Missionaries of the Episcopal Church, mention was made of your illness, as reported in yesterday's Nyt. Times.

Bishop Littell, who was presiding led us in prayer for your recovery. The Fellowship then asked me to assure you of their sympathy and prayers as well as of their hopes for your early return to your usual good health.

I count it a great pri
to do this and to have the
opportunity of assuring
of my affection & adm
tion.

You may be interes
to know that the F.O. i
made up of members o
Church who have se
in foreign fields. Man
them are retired; othe
awaiting the day w
they will be able to r
to the fields in the Orie

Please remember m
Mrs. Speer.

As ever
Faithfully & affecti

John W. We

Montclair -
Nov. 5:

ans. with

Dear Mrs. Speer,

I am enclosing the bill from Presbyterian for the nursing and other items, which are not covered by the Lenny room arrangement. — lest I again

I have sent off
desired
letters, and am
the letters from the
various people. —
case you want th
back.

I will of course b
glad to take on a
more.

Looking forward
being up there tomo
or Tuesday.

Sincerely he

EDWIN M. BULKLEY
TWENTY-FIVE BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

November 6, 1944.

My dear Emma;

The first act of the morning I would have with thought of loved friends of old - you and Rob. The small enclosure, in the light of all, is with infinite love and in the hope that it will minister in some tender ways to the comfort of Rob.

There are so many things to be thought of and done by you, and I can only hope to share in the ministry from time to time, which you certainly will not deny me.

There is scarcely a waking hour that Rob and you are not in mind.

No definite word has been had since Friday, but I am sure that each day will count in favor of the friend, beloved of old, although by painful process.

Please wholly disregard the check, save as it may be helpful in little ways and emphasize the love which is unfailing.

Ever in devotion,

Edwin

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
New York, N.Y.

Dictated but not read.

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Dr. Ralph A. Waggoner
1122 W. 7th Street
Sedalia, Missouri

My dear Dr. Waggoner:

I am not sure whether you have heard of Mr. Speer's illness. But he has been up here at the Medical Center for some weeks. And Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated note with its remembrances of his visits in the Synod of Missouri.

After a rather hard pull, Mr. Speer has been recovering well from the first stage of an operation, and is expecting to go home to Lakeville this Friday. After a period of weeks, he will be coming back for the second stage of the operation for which the prospects now seem to be good.

It is the first time in some fifty years that Mr. Speer has every been laid low by any form of illness. And you can imagine how much concern there has been for him and Mrs. Speer. We are glad that we can now tell the many friends that the word now is encouraging.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

Treasury 20, 1944.
(Oct. Nov. 20)

Dr. Ralph A. Ruggles
1222 E. 7th Street
Sedalia, Missouri

My dear Dr. Ruggles:

I am just sure whether you have heard of Mr. Speer's illness. He is now up here at the Medical Center for some weeks. And Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated note with the recollections of his visits in the Synod of Missouri.

After a rather hard pull, Mr. Speer has been recovering well from the first stage of an operation and is expecting to go home to Lakewood this Friday. After a period of weeks, he will be coming back for the second stage of the operation for which the prospects now seem to be good.

It is the first time in some fifty years that Mr. Speer has every been laid low by any form of illness. And you can imagine how much concern there has been for his and Mrs. Speer. We are glad that we can now tell the many friends that the worst now is conjecturing.

Sincerely,

DMD:EFT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.
SYNOD OF MISSOURI
REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D. D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1122 W. 7TH ST. SEDALIA, MISSOURI TELEPHONE 2075

Nov. 8.

dear Dr. Speer.

It is harvest time in Missouri
I have been remembering of late some of your
's with us in the Synod in other years. I
n taking the liberty of mailing you a
all box of walnut meats. I hope you may
y them as much as we enjoy sending them
ways with every good wish

Ralph A. Waggoner

December 29, 1964
(Dict. Nov. 23)

Dr. Ralph A. Ringsdorf
1125 E. 7th Street
Salina, Missouri

My dear Dr. Ringsdorf:

I am not sure whether you have heard of Mr. Speer's illness. But he has been up here at the Mayo Clinic for some weeks. And Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated note with its encouragement of his visits in the Synod of Missouri.

Great a rubber band pull, Mr. Speer has been recovering well from the first stage of an operation, and is expecting to go home to Lakeville this Friday. After a period of weeks, he will be coming back for the second stage of the operation for which the prognosis now seems to be good.

It is the first time in some fifty years that Mr. Speer has every been laid low by any form of illness. And you can imagine how much concern there has been for him and Mrs. Speer. We are glad that we can now tell the many friends that the word now is encouraging.

Sincerely,

WMC:MFT

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Dr. Charles R. Erdman
20 Library Place
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Erdman:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of good letters from friends which have come to them during these days, and among them your much appreciated note.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 29, 1944
(Wed. Nov. 29)

Mr. Charles H. Brown
50 Liberty Plaza
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Spencer has turned over to me a number of your letters from Calcutta and I have been sorry to have your letters from there, and enjoy them very much. Appreciate your

You will be glad to know that Mr. Spencer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Takoma Park, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of "ease", and then to come back for his second course of the operation. In the meantime he is so well from his anesthesia condition of two or three weeks ago that the surgeons look back before the main operation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

SPENCER

November 9, 44

20 LIBRARY PLACE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Rec'd 11/28

My dear Mrs. Speer

Even though I know you must be overwhelmed by the messages coming from your host of friends, I cannot refrain from sending at least a brief line that I may be numbered among those who are expressing their deep sympathy for you and Robert during these days of your anxiety. Should an opportunity offer, please convey to Robert my affectionate greeting.

Yours faithfully
Charles R. Erdman

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November 10, 1944

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
The Harkness Pavilion
Medical Centre
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I am very sorry to learn of the illness of Dr. Speer. I am earnestly and constantly praying that he soon may be entirely restored to health and strength.

I came to know Dr. Speer when he was just beginning his work in the colleges and while I was a college student. No influence that has come into my life since I left my home has been more potent and constantly helpful than his messages and his spirit and life.

I remember very distinctly when those awful attacks were made on him in a paper that was so outrageously called "Christianity Today." I do not think I ever felt more indignation than arose in my heart at that time.

I simply do not know what is the best attitude to take toward these men. What they say is founded chiefly on ignorance and prejudice and yet they are getting some of their messages over to many people. When it is possible for Dr. Speer to read the letter I hope he will do this and let me hear from him. I am making a careful study of some of the angles of this matter and I have not fully decided whether it is best to answer these men at this time or not.

I concur with you in your very high regard for Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin. I am not sure that I would agree with him about all of his ideas with regard to the Bible and yet I know how greatly he has been used in the work of the Kingdom of God and I have the highest respect for him. Certainly we cannot all think alike. It would be impossible for us to do this.

So many times recently I have been speaking to audiences about the 13th Chapter of the Gospel According to John. I was glad to have you refer to this wonderful message. The acted Parable of Jesus, as he washed the disciple's feet, points to the only true solution of the problems of the world and of the Church and yet how often do we fail to show that spirit.

I think you have made a reference to a clarifying statement of Jesus: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." When will we ever learn the place and the power of love.

I love your husband most sincerely and feel the deepest gratitude to him. I wish so much I could see him when he is restored to health and have a long talk with him.

With kindest regards, I am

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

Dr Swarts -
in reply to
my letter
answering
his about H.B.C.

This needs no
answer.

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. John Timothy Stone
2350 N. Lincoln Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Stone:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of good letters from friends which have come to them during these days, and among them your much appreciated note.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 22, 1944
(Dict. Corr. 22)

Mrs. John Timothy Stone
2820 N. Lincoln Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Stone:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me a number of good letters from friends which have come to them during these days, and among them your much appreciated note.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to leave for home to Louisville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

Secretary

ION LEAGUE CLUB
OF CHICAGO

2350 N. Lincoln Pk W. Chgo
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ar Emma

Word has just come to me of
Pete's illness. I do hope he is
proving and stronger. You have
r prayers and thought, He is
needed and loved, the whole
rld needs him very much just
w.

Lovingly John Timothy.
Tom

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I would be only too glad to do anything I can for Dr. Speer.
H.L.B.

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Keep up courage
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November 11, 1944

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
620 W 168th street
New York City

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I was today informed by Sydney E. Huthhins, the popular policeman at Fifth Avenue and 23rd street, that Dr. Speer is in the Presbyterian Hospital where he was operated on for prostate glandular ailment. I am writing to you to express the hope that he is making satisfactory progress and that soon he will have fully recovered. May your constant watchfulness be rewarded by a steady improvement in your beloved husband's condition. A host of his friends who come to know of his confinement at the hospital will be thinking of him and remembering him in their prayers. And may God give you strength sufficient unto your attention and service in your ministry of comfort and affection to one of God's noblest of Christian men.

It is in my heart to say that very few are the persons who have influenced and blessed my life, as has Dr. Speer. How memorable are those Princeton University undergraduate days of mine 1897-1901 and Princeton Theological Seminary days, 1901-1904, when it was my privilege to hear the mind and heart stirring messages that Dr. Speer delivered at the University and inthe Seminary. I was one of the 40 delegates that went from Princeton in 1900 to the Northfield convention. What a remarkable impression Dr. Speer made upon us all. During my pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Altoona, Pa., I frequently quoted from his books and from notes I had taken of his addresses at Princeton. His voice was like the voice of the prophets of old. He always has a message and it never fails of accomplishing good. I owe so much to him: and who doesn't who has been privileged to sit at his feet or from a place further removed to listen to the profound truths he so clearly and convincingly proclaimed? May our Heavenly Father raise him up from this present disability for service and the enjoyment of health for years to come. Please tell him when you deem it wise to do so that I am thinking of him and remembering him in my prayers: that his researches in the Scriptures so remarkably set forth in expositions of the Word at the Princeton Theological Institute last July, ~~made~~ reached a high mark of effectiveness, made a most excellent contribution to that series of lectures and addresses.

God be praised for so learned, so consecrated a leader of christian life and action, so great a christian statesman, so successful a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, so true and loyal a servant of Jesus Christ. How this present troubled and confused world needs him and his messages on the true way of life.

Sincerely and with prayerful interest for you, also,

Harry L. Bowlby

Harry L. Bowlby

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Rev. Border Bowman
28 Mercer Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bowman:

In behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Speer may I acknowledge your much appreciated letter and give you the latest word on his progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EPT

November 14, 1971
(Exec. Sec. Dir.

Rev. Horace Bacon
21 Harper Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bacon:

In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Spock may I welcome your warm appreciation letter and give you the latest word on his progress.

His is improving steadily. They are anxious to let him go home to Lakewood, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that his prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

Secretary

Princeton N. J.

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I was very sorry to learn through Dr. Moldenhawer of your husbands illness. Our First Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City is greatly indebted to him for his devotion to Christian service and his sermons have always been inspiring.

For myself, when I was at the Lawrenceville School during the years 1883 to 1887, I always admired his character and influence not only among Princeton men but upon impressionable young men.

Kindly express to him my hope and prayer that he will be sustained during this trial.

Nov. 13 1904

Yours very sincerely
Borden Parker Bowne

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Columbia - Presbyterian
Broadway & 168th St
New York
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Harkness Pavilion

November 13, 1944

Dr. Arthur J. Brown
1235 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

You will be glad to learn that the report received this morning from the Presbyterian Hospital concerning Dr. Speer's progress is encouraging. Dr. Speer has been able to sit up in a chair twice a day for the past few days and he is definitely better, and is reported to be cheerful.

It is likely, however, that his stay in the hospital will have to be prolonged for two or three weeks more. You will be informed again next week unless there is some change for the worse.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Robert H. H. Goheen, M. D.
for E. M. Dodd

RHHG:EFT

Mrs. Robert Erdfeen
Columbia - Presbyterian
Oratory & Lib
Morningside Heights

November 15, 1944

Dr. Arthur H. Lewis
1420 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Lewis:

You will be glad to learn that the program committee this morning from the Presbyterian Hospital concerning Dr. Sweet's questions is unanimously. Dr. Spaeth has been able to get in a short notice a day for his talk for fifty cent to be definitely decided, and is reported to be delighted.

It is likely, however, that he may be in the hospital will have to be postponed for two or three weeks more. You will be informed again when we know more in some change for the worse.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samuel H. H. Nelson, M. D.
For H. E. Dodd

Enclosure

THE SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AMBERSON AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER PLACE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

HUGH THOMSON KERR
HAROLD ALDEN DALZELL
C. JOHN L. BATES

A5

November 13, 1944

My dear Robert:

Yesterday Mrs. Roys was in church with Mrs. Hamilton and she told me of your illness and that you were in the hospital. I had heard rumors that you were not well but did not know that you were on your back and in the hands of the surgeons.

Perhaps you will remember that three or four years ago I had the operation which you are now contemplating and while it was a distressing and agonizing experience, nevertheless it has renewed my life and put new hope in me. It ought to do the same for you even though there is some concern and anxiety and, as I say, agony connected with it, but it is a rather safe operation now and the medical profession has it well in hand.

You will feel aggrieved that you will have to cancel the many engagements which you have, and I have rejoiced in the fact that you have been so much in demand and so greatly used of God in these retiring years of your life. This whole retiring business is a difficult and sometimes unjust arrangement, but here I am moving on into my retirement which must take place this coming year. What a marvelous sale your little book "Day by Day" has had and how greatly it has helped many, many people.

I hope Mrs. Speer and the children are well, and that I may hear of your well-being and your well-doing.

Mrs. Kerr joins in sending our love and best wishes for a happy recovery.

Very sincerely,

Hugh

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

JUNIATA COLLEGE
HUNTINGDON, PA.

THE PRESIDENT

November 14, 1944

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center
New York City

Dear Doctor Speer:

We were very sorry to hear of your illness and hope that by this time you have made a satisfactory recovery.

We feel a special concern for you and pray that you may have a speedy recovery. We remember with appreciation and gratitude your kindness and the marvelous address which you delivered at Juniata at the time of my inauguration.

Your many friends at Juniata join me in extending to you our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Calvert N. Ellis

Calvert N. Ellis
President

CNE/s

9 HAMILTON AVENUE
PRINCETON, N. J.

November 15, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer ,
Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital,
New York .

Dear Robert :

You know that you have our love and our prayers--with the prayers of the whole church--for your speedy and complete recovery .

Faithfully yours,

Wm H. Johnson

GUILFORD C. BABCOCK
ROCKAWAY
NEW JERSEY

November
14
1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

I see by the papers that you are now a temporary resident at the Presbyterian Medical Center.

I hope that things are going well with you and that you will soon be entirely recovered and able to resume the magnificent work that you are doing for the Presbyterian Church.

Cordially yours,

Guilford C. Babcock

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center
180 Ft. Washington Avenue
New York, New York

THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS
97 ST. GEORGE STREET
TORONTO - CANADA

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EDWARD R. C. DOBBS, ESQ., ASSISTANT TREASURER

Answ'd

November 17th,1944.

Dear Robert,

Mrs. Murray and I learned with sorrow of your illness and of the operation which was found necessary. John Mott has just informed us that you are making good progress thus far and that there is no ground for anxiety. We want you to know that you are much in our thoughts and prayers. This is true also of your numerous friends here. We hope that you are not suffering and that nothing will develop to prevent a rapid progress to your full health and vigor.

John came here to start on a series of visits to Canadian cities to the East as far as Sherbrooke, Quebec. He returns on Tuesday to receive an LL.D. degree that evening from the University of Toronto. He is greatly bucked up over that as he has no Canadian degree in his large collection and also because he has always had a friendly and admiring interest in this University. How I would rejoice if it should honour itself by recognizing your great services in the same way.

I presume Mrs. Speer is with you a good deal. My wife and I send our love and good wishes to you both.

Affectionately yours,

J. Lovell Murray

J. Lovell Murray.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville,
Conn. U.S.A.

November 27, 1944

The Right Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, B.A., D.D.
United Church of Canada
421 Wesley Buildings
Toronto 2-B, Canada

Dear Dr. Arnup:

Mrs. Robert Speer has turned over to me for acknowledgement a number of letters in connection with Dr. Speer's illness. And among them is your much appreciated letter.

I am glad to be able to report to you that, after a seriously low period, he is doing quite well. He still has a long climb ahead of him, but the prospects are now fairly favorable for his continued recovery.

I hardly need to tell you what a host of friends have been writing and inquiring.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 27, 1954

The Right Rev. Donald R. Armour, B.A., D.D.
Anglican Church of Canada
421 Manning Buildings
Toronto 5-B, Canada

Dear Dr. Armour:

Rev. Robert Kemp has turned over to me for reference a number of letters in connection with Mr. Spence's illness. Are some time if your case approximated letter.

I am glad to be able to report to you that, after a seriously ill period, he is doing quite well. He still has a long climb ahead of him, but the prognosis is now fairly favorable for the ultimate recovery.

I merely send to tell you that a lot of friends have been writing and inquiring.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

[illegible]

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

THE RIGHT REV. JESSE H. ARNUP, B.A., D.D.
MODERATOR

421 WESLEY BUILDINGS
TORONTO 2-B, CANADA

November 17, 1944.

Elect
11/28

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Presbyterian Board of
Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Word came to me that he whom the Lord loveth is sick and this note is to express my sincere sympathy and my earnest hope that you will soon be restored to health and comfort. You are one of the best loved men in America and all your many friends will be carrying you on their hearts and looking for news of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse H. Arnup

JHA/S.

WILLIAM H. HANNUM, CHAIRMAN
35 PARKWOOD AVENUE
COLUMBUS 3, OHIO

November 27, 1944

Mr. William H. Hannum
35 Parkwood Avenue
Columbus 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hannum:

Mrs. Robert Speer has turned over to me for acknowledgement a number of letters in connection with Dr. Speer's illness. And among them is your much appreciated letter.

I am glad to be able to report to you that, after a seriously low period, he is doing quite well. He still has a long climb ahead of him, but the prospects are now fairly favorable for his continued recovery.

I hardly need to tell you what a host of friends have been writing and inquiring.

I see a good deal of Doug Forman these days, as he is now part of our United Medical Office here for all the boards.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EWD:EFT

November 21, 1944

Mr. William D. Hamma
22 Morrison Avenue
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hamma:

Mrs. Robert Sauer has turned over to me for acknowledgment a number of letters in connection with Mr. Sauer's illness. Not among them is your much appreciated letter.

I am glad to be able to report to you that, after a particularly low period, he is doing quite well. He still has a long uphill climb ahead of him, but the prospects are now fairly favorable for his continued recovery.

I hardly need to tell you what a blow of friends have been suffering and I sympathize.

I am a good deal of Bob Sauer these days, as he is one part of our United National Office here for all the boards.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Bob:mrc

WILLIAM HAMILTON HANNUM
35 PARKWOOD AVENUE
COLUMBUS 3, OHIO

GWP 11/25

19th November 1944

My dear Robert:

A sad report has reached us of your being ill and under treatment in a hospital. My wife and I are distressed to hear of it and extend to you our hearty good wishes for relief from pain, for wise and effective treatment, for comfort in heart, for the clear sense of our Lord's healing touch, for happy reflections and for early recovery for your accustomed wide activities. Our prayer is that your life may be spared and your strength restored.

I saw Henry and Sally Forman yesterday. They were in excellent spirits and apparently in rather better health than for the past year.

Ever affectionately yours,

Wm. H. Hannum

Answered
Nov 24
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1454 HIGHLAND STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO

November 19, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York.

My dear Robert,

I am distressed to hear of your ill. The news has made me realize even more than I did before how much your life or rather your yourself mean, and have meant for many years to me. My prayers and great desire before God are that you may be restored to health and to good years of your service so long leaned on, and your word of counsel and your prayer that have upheld us and been a blessing to us. You have been and still are as vitally identified with our work in India in its various branches as are any one of us who have been in the work, and in the taking part in the meetings of the mission where plans & ways & means have worked over. We knew always that in you, one chosen, and sent of God was our comrade.

My son Charles - named for my father Charles William - is under appointment of our Board to go to India. He and his wife are now in Hartford. I have asked him if he has the opportunity to see you to do so in my behalf, and to convey to you assurance of my sympathy and love.

Affectionately yours, Henry Forman.

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette
409 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Latourette:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your kind note of a few days ago. And I am very glad to have a chance to write for them to you and a number of other good friends.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 25, 1941
(Mon., Nov. 24)

Dr. Samuel H. Lehmerstein
810 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Lehmerstein:

Yes, Bunny has turned over to us your kind note of a few days ago. But I am very glad to have a chance to write for Bunny to you and a member of other most friends.

You will be glad to know that Dr. Spencer is improving daily. They are expecting to take him home to Lawrville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come to so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Eleanor

YALE UNIVERSITY

KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE
PROFESSOR OF MISSIONS AND ORIENTAL HISTORY

409 PROSPECT STREET, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

November 16, 1944

Dear Mrs. Speer:

This must not be a long note, for you have no time in these crowded days to be burdened by lengthy communications from your thousands of friends, nor does it require an answer. It is simply to say that you and your husband are much in my thoughts and prayers.

Always faithfully yours,

Kenneth S. Latourette

You will be glad to know that Mr. Dyson is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home in [illegible], [illegible], this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has been up to sit [illegible] this morning and [illegible] or three minutes [illegible] the pressure look much better for this morning operation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

[illegible]

November 30, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Rev. George H. Trull
212 South Ninth Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

I am glad to be the medium in acknowledging your recent letter to Dr. Speer. As you can imagine, they have been fairly swamped with many letters these days. And I am glad Mrs. Speer has turned over a certain number to me for acknowledgment.

You will be glad to know that Dr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 20, 1941
Yakima, Wash. 63)

Mr. Harvey E. Pratt
City South Ninth Street
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear Harvey:

I am glad to be the medium in acknowledging your recent letter to Dr. Spoerl. We put our inquiry that been into Quality measures with many industry where again. And I am glad here Jimmy has turned over a suitable member to me for acknowledgement.

You will be glad to know that Dr. Spoerl is interesting especially. They are cooperating to the full in the in industries. Incidentally, that Pulsar Tur is operated at weeks, and then to some body for the second where of the operations. Dr. has some of so-call from his private material of the over there also that's the process is such such better for this special operation.

Kind also regards.

Sincerely,

Stanley

FOURTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

November 20, 1944.

JOHN E. BOUQUET
Minister on Leave
Chaplain U. S. Army

GEORGE H. TRULL
Minister in Charge
212 South Ninth Street
Telephone 2809

EWP 11/28

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Mrs. Trull and I were very sorry to learn of your illness necessitating a trip to the Medical Center in New York. We do hope and pray that you are making a good recovery and will in due time be restored to your accustomed health. We wonder if you have not been overworking a bit with so many engagements. Evidently you are now prepared to rest for awhile, which will be the wise procedure.

You must be glad to know that your latest book, "Five Minutes A Day" is having a wide and constant sale. A number of people in our church here in Lebanon, which I am serving temporarily, have secured it. You have rendered a great service to hundreds of people in this volume as well as in all else that has come from your pen during many years.

Mrs. Trull and I unite in sending to you and Mrs. Speer and your family our warmest regards.

Cordially yours,

George H. Trull

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Rev. Kenneth D. Miller
105 E. 22nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dusty:

I am glad to have a chance to write you in behalf of Mr. Speer and Mrs. Speer, who have turned over to me a number of letters from friends, yours among them, and the greetings from Chi Alpha.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EPT

December 20, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 29)

Rev. Harvey D. Wilder
108 N. 22nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Harvey:

I am glad to have a chance to write you in behalf of Mr. Foster and Mrs. Foster, who have written over to me a number of letters from Friends, young men and also prisoners from Civil Rights.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Foster is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up to my call from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Enclosure

CHI ALPHA

January 1944

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ecretary . . . . KENNETH D. MILLER
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CHI ALPHA

November 20, 1944

Dear Doctor Speers:

Billy Schell brought us your greetings at the meeting of Chi Alpha on Saturday, and I want to tell you on behalf of all the men who were present how much we appreciated your thoughtfulness in seending them, and how glad we were to hear that you are making progress.

Our particular groupof ministers, most of whom are Presbyterian, has always held you in great admiration and affection, and you may be sure that our best wishes and our prayers for a speedy recovery are yours.

Very sincerely yours,

Kenneth D. Miller

Kenneth D. Miller

Ans 11/28

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promote the unity, piety and usef
its members, by discussion, pra
social intercourse. The proceeding
Society shall be confidential."

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Dear 29

ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Nov. 20, 1944

ear Robert:

Every day you are in my thought and prayer. realize that Mrs. Speer should not be burdened by numerous telephone calls, but I have anaged to keep posted by certain devious ays and the "underground telegraph". It is ood to be assured that you are definitely on the pgrade. Perhaps there are days when it seems ot steep and rough. But no one knows better an you that we don't have to climb life's hills one; that walking beside you, His hand in ours, is One "whom not having seen ye ove; on whom, though now ye see Him not, ~~yet~~ et believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakably." Sometimes when, like the Psalmist, my steps had well nigh slipped," I have been eartened by the confident words that we used to sing in the Northfield conferences: "He will hold me fast".

What more could we ask?

Ever affectionately,

Arthur

Good

1516 N. Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena 6, Calif.
Nov. 21st 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Broadway and 120 St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer,

It brought grief to learn that you were ill. A letter from Miss A. A. Browne brought the sad news. I always picture you as so well, so strong and so brave with the whole armor of God. You have made many stronger and I am one of them.

Your kindness in years
gone by when with dear M
Wilder I went out to Du
shall never be forgotten.
I take this opportunity to th
you for all you have mea
to me. Many have been
strengthened by you and
now many unite in pray
for your speedy recovery if it
His will. We need Joshu
like you in these dark da

May His richest blessing
rest upon you and Mrs. G

Very sincerely, grateful
and prayerfully yours
(Mrs. J. P.) Emily S. Graha

November 27, 1944

Mr. Wilbur La Roe, Jr.
Investment Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wilbur:

Mrs. Robert Speer has turned over to me for acknowledgement a number of letters from friends, in connection with Dr. Speer's illness. And I am pleased to see that one from you affords me the chance to give you the latest on Dr. Speer and add a personal 'hello'.

After a seriously low period, he continues to pick up, for the past two weeks. He is sitting out of bed quite a little and is able to have short visits from callers.

The second stage of the operation (he was not in shape for a one-stage procedure) is still ahead of us. And he needs a lot of building up before he can take that on. It is quite possible that they will let him go home to Lakeville a couple of weeks hence and build up for two or three months. They have had very satisfactory experience with such a program in similar cases.

To me he has been one of the rare men who was such an ideal to us in our undergraduate days, and whose stature has grown rather than diminished over the years of association with him since then -- first as one of his missionaries in Persia during the bad days of the last war, and then here at 156.

We certainly appreciate what you and your group are doing in Washington.

If you are ever up here, won't you give me a ring or drop in.

With best of regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 17, 1964

Mr. William L. Dent, Jr.
[illegible] Building
[illegible] 1, D.C.

Dear William:

Now, Hubert Humphrey has promised never to be the vice-president, [illegible] of Lyndon from friends, in conversation with Mr. Humphrey's lawyers. [illegible] planned to see that that does come out. Actually we are [illegible] to give you the [illegible] on Mr. Humphrey and make a personal "video".

After a particularly long period, no [illegible] is [illegible] up. Let me [illegible] two weeks. We are getting out of [illegible] quite a lively and [illegible] early visits from Washington.

The second phase of the campaign (we won't be always [illegible]) [illegible] is [illegible] of us. [illegible] a lot of highlights [illegible] is can mean that. It is quite possible that they will [illegible] [illegible] in Louisville a bundle of media [illegible] and to [illegible] [illegible] that some has very satisfactory experience with such a programming [illegible] [illegible].

I am [illegible] have been one of the [illegible] who was such an ideal [illegible] [illegible] days, and whose [illegible] have proved [illegible] [illegible] over the years of association with his [illegible] — [illegible] as one of his [illegible] in Florida during the [illegible] days of the last week's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We particularly appreciate what you and your [illegible] are doing in [illegible] [illegible].

If you are ever up here, don't you [illegible] me a [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible].

With best of regards,

Sincerely,

[illegible]

WILBUR LA ROE, JR.
INVESTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Rec'd 11/25

November 21, 1944

My dear Dr. Speer:

Just a word to express my affectionate good wishes. I rejoice to know that you are coming through the operation. You will be pleased to know that Judge Lyon, who has been through a similar experience, is doing nicely and is about ready to go home.

Sincerely yours,

Wilbur LaRoe, Jr.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
The Presbyterian Hospital
Harkness Pavilion
New York, New York

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. William M. Miller
326 W. Allen Lane
Mt. Airy, Philadelphia 19
Pennsylvania

Dear Bill:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your two recent and gratefully appreciated letters to Mr. Speer. And I have the happy privilege of writing good friends like you in their behalf. I don't need to tell you that I have the same feeling toward Mr. Speer as you have, for in my undergraduate days he was our great ideal. And the years since then in Persia and here have only deepened that feeling.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 20, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 20)

Mr. William H. Miller
Box 8, Allen Lane
Mt. Airy, Philadelphia 1a
Germantown

Dear Bill:

Mr. Upson has turned over to me your two recent and gratefully appreciated letters to Mr. Upson. And I have the happy privilege of writing back friendly like you in their behalf. I don't need to tell you that I have the same feeling toward Mr. Upson as you have, for in my undergraduate days in new new great School. And the years since then in Toronto and here have only deepened that feeling.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Upson is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakewilla, Connecticut this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up as well from his anesthetic condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Bill was regards.

Sincerely,

Edgar

326 W. Allen Lane,
Mt. Airy, Phila. 19
Pa.

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11/28

Nov. 21, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer,

When I was in New York for a few hours on Nov. 15 I was delighted to learn from Dr. Soheen that you are getting on well. We have thought of you and prayed for you very often, and wished that we might do something for your comfort. It will be a new experience for you to spend Thanksgiving Day in a Hospital, will it not? One of the things we will thank God for is your recovery!

I am still at work in the churches of Philadelphia Presbytery. There is a good response almost everywhere, and I believe God is preparing his people for a revival. Until this comes we cannot make much progress in our missions overseas.

We all send our love to
and Mrs. Speer. May you be
to leave the Hospital soon!

Affectionately yours,

William M

I have been enjoying your little
book, "Five minutes a Day".
Thank you for giving it to

Sent 11/28

326 W Allen Lane,
Mt. Airy, Phila. 19,
Pa.

Nov. 8, 1944

Dr. Speer,

Mr. Corser of India told yesterday afternoon that you had an operation in hospital in New York. How stressed Isabelle and I were hear that you were ill, we love you as a father! e have been praying for you great deal, that God will give you peace and strength and healing, if it be His will. For e need you so much, and here is so much that you can give us these days! I wish could see you - and when you are well enough I would

like to come to the hospital and call on you. We shall be thinking of you and Mrs. Speer and the family constantly, and shall expect good word from you soon.

Thirty years ago you spoke God's call to me, and ever since then I have tried to follow faithfully. Through all these years you have been an inspiration and a guide to me, and I cannot tell you how grateful I am to you. I am endeavoring these days in Philadelphia to pass on to others what I received through you.

God bless you, dear Dr. Speer!

Your son in the Gospel,

William Miller

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Mr. L. J. Trinterud
The Westminster Press
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Trinterud:

In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Speer, may I acknowledge your recent letter and give you the latest word on his progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 20, 1964
(Nov. Nov. 25)

Mr. L. A. Tritsaroc
The Washington Trust
Withycombe Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Tritsaroc:

In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Grover, may I acknowledge your recent letter and give you the latest word on the premises.

We is important steadily. They are negotiating to let him go home to Lakevilla, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the surgeons look much better for this second operation.

Sincerely,

MJD:EVT

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I have been gone so much lately that I have been very slow in answering your two letters regarding poems quoted in Dr. Speer's FIVE MINUTES A DAY. We are making a careful note of these corrections and will take them up with the various publishers and see to it that when the next edition is printed all these matters will have been properly corrected.

We are all sincerely sorry to note Dr. Speer's illness and earnestly hope that by now he is making headway toward recovery. Would you kindly tell him that our thoughts and our prayers are with him?

Sincerely yours,

L. J. Trinterud

L. J. Trinterud

LJT:AS

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Dr. David McConaughy
Winter Park
Florida

Dear Mr. McConaughy:

It falls to my happy lot to be answering your letter to Mr. Speer in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Speer. You can imagine what an out-pouring of letters and concern and sympathy and prayer there has been during these weeks while he has been a patient at the Medical Center.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

It is very nice to have a chance to say hello to you personally. I hope you are having a very good year at Winter Park.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 13, 1941
(Ref. Ser. 52)

Dr. David McCormick
Winter Park
Florida

Dear Mr. McCormick:

It Italia is my happy lot to be answering your letter to Mr. Speer in behalf of Mr. Walt Disney. You can imagine what an out-pouring of kindness and sympathy and prayer there has been during these weeks while he has been a patient in the Medical Center.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving nicely. They are expecting to let him go home in Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

It is very nice to have a chance to say hello to you personally. I hope you are having a very good year at Winter Park.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Support

Elis
11/28

Winter Park, Fla
25th Nov. 1944

My dear Robert,

I have been keeping you much & very tenderly in my thoughts & prayers these days. Last Sunday I learned of your affliction; and I'm praying daily for God's blessing upon your bedside.

Did you ever hear about your ancestor "Ro" Spicer (there are many variants of your name) died Sunday, and the report confounded him with you, and many mourned you. Yes! I'm thankful for the Dur-

race of the fittest.

I suppose of course that the two -- originators of the Prayer Circle will both be absent from the meeting on Dec. 2, tho you may be certain phone call, as I know not.

Our dear friend, Mrs Chester, will by that time be installed in a room of her own, at "Loch-aber", on Lyons Road, Virginia Lake. She is very happy in the prospect and, to be sure, I am. Her Section is feeling the baleful Effect of Fourth Term Socialism, our Negro

(over)

population being forced
to Communism & giving wages high and
limits for service. Why
Do "every Work in
our own kitchen" may
quite possible ere long!
Dr Chapman, after
years of fruitful & happy
ministry in our Central Congre-
tional Church leaves us
close of this year to the
regret of all I think I may
say this so far as they
dearest greatest man
in all the world.
And remember
Your most devoted
& loving Comrade
David McCrae

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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OUR FIRST CONGREGATION FIRST FOR MADISON SQUARE FOUNDATION

40 Wall Street
NEW YORK 5
November 22, 1944

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Cobbledick
Lakeville, Connecticut

Mr. Roger H. Williams
40 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Williams:

In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer, I have the privilege of acknowledging your letter from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, which they have gratefully appreciated. You can imagine what an out-pouring of expressions of friendship and good wishes have come to them during these days.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Speer is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 22, 1940
(Dict. Ser. EM)

Mr. Roger M. Williams
40 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Williams:

In behalf of Mr. Walter Robert Spoor, I have the privilege of acknowledging your letter from the Sanatorium of the Tuck Family Lodge (Corral, which they have practically appropriated. You can imagine what an accompanying of appreciation of friendship and good wishes have come to them during these days.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Spoor is improving nicely. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look most better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

WRB:MT

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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40 Wall Street
NEW YORK, 5,
November 22, 1944

Rec'd 11/28

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the meeting of Session of The First Presbyterian Church yesterday, word was brought of your encouraging recovery, which brought great satisfaction and happiness to us all.

I was directed to send you a message of good cheer and affection, which I do with great pleasure, and add my own personal regards. We all hope you will be around again before very long.

Faithfully yours,

Roger H. Wolcott

Clerk

RHW:ejd

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson
184 Fernwood Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Pierson:

In answering a number of letters for Mr. and Mrs. Speer, I have come to yours and am glad to be the one to write you further of his progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 23, 1944
(Oct. Nov. 26)

Mr. Melvin L. Fleeman
111 Ferwood Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Fleeman

In answering a number of letters for Mrs. Roosevelt, I know you would be glad to know in the one so warm you mention of his presence.

He is improving steadily. They are considering his last run up here in Hyde Park, Commodore, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to move that for the second stage of the convalescence. We hope we can well from his serious condition of two or three months ago that the prognosis look much better for his coming operations.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

DeLAVAN L. PIERSON
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

Elias
11/28

Nov 22, 1944

My Dear Pop.

Blessings from our loving Heavenly Father with Thanksgiving be on thee and thine today and always. I am hoping to come in to see you and have you cheer me up again soon!

Some flowers are leaving Kent from me today and by Sunday they will keep sweet and fresh a long time. We will be thinking lovingly of you!

Our Prayer Group has called off - or postponed our "Quiet Day" meeting for Dec 2nd. We wait & meet when you can be with us if possible. I am trying to arrange a day January 10th or later.

Sam Cuvert's mother is quite ill in the hospital now.

Lovingly Ever

Delavan

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. Weir C. Ketler
Grove City
Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Ketler:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated recent letter to Dr. Speer. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 5th, 1944
(Date, Item 20)

Mr. Walter G. Rafter
Grove City
Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rafter:

Mrs. Dyner has turned over to me your much appreciated present letter to Mr. Dyner. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home in January, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from the serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prognosis looks much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

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WEIR C. KETLER
GROVE CITY
PENNSYLVANIA

EWP 11/28

November 22, 1944

Doctor Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavillion
Presbyterian Hospital
New York City

Dear Doctor Speer:

I have just learned that you have been seriously ill and are still confined to the hospital. I understand you are making progress in the recovery of your health. I hope that progress may be continued and that before long you may be fully recovered.

Few men have lived so strenuously and so unselfishly as have you. You have always gone the "extra mile" when there was a service to be performed. In addition to the burdens and responsibilities that are normal in life, you have carried many extra responsibilities that most of us would have avoided.

Along with your many friends everywhere, I have not only admired your outstanding ability, but quite as much your spirit and the unusual service you have been able to render in many fields of endeavor. I hope you may soon be able to resume your normal activities, but I trust you will be careful not to place too great a strain on your strength.

With every good wish, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Weir C. Ketler

WCK:AA

November 30, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Rev. A. R. Robinson
6100 Bryant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated recent letter to Dr. Speer. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 20, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 29)

Rev. A. K. Robinson
4100 Bryant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Mrs. Sperry has turned over to me your most appreciated recent letter to Dr. Sperry. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakewilla, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He is a case up as well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EAD:MT

Sixth United Presbyterian Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A. R. ROBINSON, PASTOR
6100 BRYANT STREET

November 22, 1944

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
The Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital,
New York N. Y.

TWS
11/28

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I have your letter of November 20th and I am exceedingly sorry to hear about Dr. Speer's severe operation. I take it from your letter that he is coming along as well as could be expected and still confidently hope that by next summer he will be very much himself again.

In order that he may have as much time as possible for a recovery, we have put him down to speak in this church on August 19th. As I said in my former letter, the conditions will be the same as usual.

I wish you would give Dr. Speer my very best wishes, and with the hope that he may continue to improve rapidly, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. R. Robinson

ARR:m

Ans. Nov 27 Huntingdon, Pa
R&S. Nov. 22. '44

My dear Rob:-

Was very sorry to hear you have had to be laid aside for a little while but hope it will not be for long. My Thanksgiving dinner will be enjoyed at Mr. John Elwin's with the

two Jackson sisters, Retta and
Mary. Kate is in the J. C. Blair
hospital with a broken ankle
the result of a fall down stairs
Mary Lewis Miller & daughter
Lewis Gilbody were to have attended
the dinner but were detained at
Clifton Springs. Shirley Dickerson wants
me to eat a second Thanks-
giving dinner with them at
Mr. Lewis! What do you think
of that? I also was invited
to Alexandria tomorrow with
Wallace & Mabel Geissinger, for
dinner at Harrys. You will

be glad to learn
that Harry is doing
well in his new wo
and is liked by his
people. He specializes
in work with young
people. Wishing you
speedy recovery, with lo
to you and Emma.

Sincerely Anna Fisher

November 29, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Rev. Frank Fitt
16 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms 30
Michigan

Dear Mr. Fitt:

In response to your note I give you further encouraging reports on Mr. Speer.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

Nov. 25, 1944
Cpl. Nov. 221

Rev. Frank Fitt
31 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms 30
Michigan

Dear Mr. Fitt:

In response to your note I give you further encouraging reports on Mr. Jones.

Morale improving slowly. They are adjusting to his go slow or leisurely concerning. His Friday for a period of weeks and then to come back for the second step of the operation. He has come to so well from his serious condition of ten or more weeks ago that he proceeds too much better for the doing conditions.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

People like officers
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people [illegible]
[illegible] attorney [illegible]
[illegible]
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THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH
REV. FRANK FITT, MINISTER
16 LAKE SHORE ROAD
GROSSE POINTE FARMS 30, MICHIGAN

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EMD 11/28

November 24, 1944

Dr. E. M. Dodd
156 Fifty Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Dr. Dodd:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of November 21st regarding the improving condition of Dr. Speer.

Naturally I am quite delighted to know that he is making progress and wish him well in the next operation, hoping very much that it will be a clear case without dangerous complications.

When you see him again I hope that you will remember me to him and I shall count on you to let me know how he comes along when his second ordeal comes.

Cordially yours,

Frank Fitt

November 30, 1944
(Dict. Nov. 28)

Mr. R. J. Dearborn
135 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dearborn:

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your much appreciated recent letter to Dr. Speer. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that the prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

EMD:EFT

November 5, 1944
(Date. Nov. 24)

Dr. E. L. Dearborn
155 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dearborn

Mrs. Speer has turned over to me your most appreciated recent letter to Dr. Speer. I am glad to have the chance to write you of his continued progress.

He is improving steadily. They are expecting to let him go home to Lakeville, Connecticut, this Friday for a period of weeks, and then to come back for the second stage of the operation. He has come up so well from his serious condition of two or three weeks ago that his prospects look much better for this coming operation.

Sincerely,

MBdeT

R. J. DEARBORN
135 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Rec'd 11/28

November 24, 1944

My dear Dr. Speer:

Mrs. Dearborn and I have had you much in our thoughts these days and we pray that you will soon be restored to complete health and strength.

We had looked forward with great expectations to your occupying our pulpit in the Central Church at Summit this fall, and were deeply impressed with your wonderful record which had to be broken on that occasion, of never having previously cancelled a preaching engagement.

Mrs. Dearborn and I heard you preach before we were married, in the old First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh as far back as 1906, and I have never forgotten your sermon on the Holy Spirit, for which I shall always be grateful.

With sincere regards, I am

Cordially yours,

R. J. Dearborn

Dr. Robert Lee Speer,
Presbyterian Hospital,
Harkness Pavilion,
180 Fort Washington Avenue,
New York 32, N.Y.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 24, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Medical Center
620 West 168 Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the meeting of the Board on Monday, November 20, 1944, the following Minute was presented by the Policy and Methods Committee and adopted by the Board:

> "The Board voted to unite in sending affectionate greetings to Dr. Robert E. Speer, looking forward eagerly to the continuance of his distinguished leadership in the Church."

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Hooper

J. L. Hooper
Recording Secretary

JLH:VB

1713 Eye Street, N.W.

APARTMENT 711A
1025 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

November 26, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

I know that it is hard to keep a good man down, but I hear they are more sure of it than ever at the Medical Center! It is good to know that you are up and about. Do take care of yourself and don't overdo.

We had a lovely time at Marnie's birthday party last Sunday - Betty, Daisy

and I and the little ones. We wished you might have been there. But if you weren't able to come, it is good to know that you are better and will soon be going home. Don't go to chopping logs. Give yourself up to being coddled for a bit - even if it hurts.

Dearest love to you.

Augusta

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LAKEVILLE
CONNECTICUT

November 28, 1944

Rev. Robert E. Speer
Room 346 - Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
New York City

Dear Sir:

We have your check for $1,000 for a Series G bond for which accept our thanks.

We are sorry to hear that you are in the hospital but expect your discharge very soon and return to Lakeville.

Very truly yours,

H A Bradley

Treasurer

HAH/w

Rec'd. Nov 27

LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE
New Gulph and Pennswood Roads

Dear Bobby,

Through the kindness of my wife & Dr Dodd your oldest friends have been kept informed concerning your welfare & we are all as happy that your improvement continues.

We are thinking of you frequently in the ways that our friends love to use.

Thus you & we alike are kept on the living care

of our mutual • never failing
friend, who becomes ever dearer
with the years. Ever affectionately yours

Lew

Camp Meade Pa
November 25, 1944

Nov 29

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNA.

My dear Mr Speer:

At our meeting last week the session of Westminster Church instructed me to write a special note to you expressing our interest in you and assuring you of our continuing prayers for your speedy and complete recovery. We are glad and thankful for the good reports of your progress and pray that it may continue.

I hope that very soon you may be able to leave the hospital and return to your home. Then be take good care of yourself and build up your reserve for the days ahead.

Please thank Mrs Speer for her card. I do appreciate hearing of your progress but please don't feel that you must have some one answer this.

Most cordially yours

Remember trusting with.

Wed
Wk

Plainfield, Ill.
Nov. 27, 1944.

My dear Dr. Speer,

A note from Adelaide
rowne tells me that you are
ll and in a New York hospital.
Your friends everywhere will be
praying for your restoration to
health and comfort while con
valescing.

I have often thought when using
your "Five Minutes a Day" that
should life to all you that it
has often brought spiritual
strength to me. I am so glad you
are persuaded to have it publish
d. I am using it for Christmas

Corinth
1302 Taylor St

Dear Dr. Spur:

We learned, with disappointment of your illness, but we feel that you will recover rapidly and satisfactorily and we want you to know that we are thinking of you and wishing for you everything good.

My best wishes to Mrs. Spur.

Sincerely,
Priscilla N. King

Nov. 30, 1944.

THE SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AMBERSON AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER PLACE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

HUGH THOMSON KERR
DONALD FISHER CAMPBELL

A5

December 1, 1944

My dear Robert:

I had a visit yesterday with Henry Coffin who told me that you had returned home to rest up and gain strength for your next experience in the hospital. You will have a normal and comparatively restful period and it will do you good and you will be feeling better, I am sure, by now and you do not need to fear the final outcome. The operation has become so general and successful that the surgeons do not fear any difficulty concerning it and, as I said to you in my former letter, it will renew your youth. So you can trust in the Lord and fear not.

The Federal Council has been meeting here and the usual talk has been going on. The best action taken, I think, was in regard to the Vatican, but you will have seen the reports in the paper and will know what has been done. Sometimes I wonder at the value of this incessant talking and yet I suppose the younger generation builds up its soul under it.

Erdman Harris and I had a luncheon for Henry Coffin at the Duquesne Club for about twenty-five representative men of the city. He talked to them about the need for Christian ministers and did a good job. He is going to find it hard, as all man do, to lay down his responsibilities. That action I myself must take soon. I feel the pressure of work more than I used to do and yet have been carrying the full load.

You will have heard of the death of Dr. Hervey, the old gentleman down in West Alexandria. I took a beating from his daughter who is aggrieved that her father gave away his fortune but though she threatens action I do not think that there is any ground for it. I think the difference between her and her father is of long standing. I have come to the conclusion that there is more trouble over money than over any other thing in the world.

Do not try to reply to my letter for I know how difficult it is to write when one is not up to par.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Hugh

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Albert Joseph McCartney, D. D.
Minister

THE COVENANT-FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Connecticut Avenue at N Street N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

December 1, 1944

Dr. Robert Speer
Harkness Pavilion
180 Fort Washington
New York 32, N. Y.

My dear Robert:

I have been very much worried whether I did or did not write to you several weeks ago inquiring for your progress in the hospital and giving you the information regarding our great loss, for since then I have been thinking of you a great deal in view of your tragic experience a few years back wherein you suffered the loss of a most talented son. It has been a terrific blow but we have been greatly sustained by the affection and prayers of our friends. If you think of it at the time there is a very thrilling article on "Mission to Florence" from Benjamin's pen together with photographs that he took, coming out in the February or March issue of National Geographic.

We have missed you at the recent meetings at Princeton and we all pray for your complete recovery. Take it easy. With kindest regards to all the family.

Sincerely,

A. J. McCartney

AJMc/L

L5

184 Inwood Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

December 2, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Rob: I am sending copies of this letter to each of our groups.

Yesterday I planned to go up to the hospital to see Rob Speer, but telephoned first and learned from Mrs. Speer that he was just about to leave for Lakeville. He had not expected to go until Saturday but his decision to go on Friday prevented my seeing him again before he left New York. I had a very nice visit with him two weeks ago and we are hoping he will gain so much in strength that he will be able to have his second operation and that he will make a complete and speedy recovery.

The doctor says Robert will need to come back to the hospital the last of January or the first of February and cannot expect to be with us for our Anual Quiet Day before the last of March or the first of April. Each of our group voted to postpone our meeting so that Rob can be with us if possible. Do you think that we had better try to have a meeting in January without him; or would you favor setting a date ahead until the first part of April. Perhaps the second, fifth, or seventh or sometime before the fourteenth. Easter Sunday as you know comes April first. I saw John Mott yesterday and he favors postponing our meeting until April.

I suppose that you received the prayer notes sent out this week.

With best wishes for your own Christmas and your family where ever they may be.

Cordially yours,

Delaney

DL:p:mn

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.
SYNOD OF MISSOURI
REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D. D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1122 WEST 7TH STREET TELEPHONE 2075
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Dec 2 - 44

My dear Dr. Speer -

I just learned today of your illness. Maybe it will encourage — to know that many of your humble friends are remembering you in prayer. May God give you strength of body again. We who have learned so much from you very much desire to have to continue to guide us to Him in this dark world. With kindest regards

Ralph A Waggoner

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Lakeville, Connecticut

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631 West End Avenue
New York 24, N. Y.

December 5, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer, President
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert:

I was instructed by both the Administrative Committee and the Board of Trustees at their meetings on Monday evening and Tuesday morning respectively to convey to you the sympathy of the Committee and the Board in your illness and the assurance of the prayers of us all, that God will give you strength in these days of convalescence for the second part of the operation which is to come some time later. We are all grateful to God for his goodness to you and to us and we are looking to Him for His guidance and sustaining grace in these coming days. You have the affection and the concern of every member of the Board. We all love you very much.

You will be glad to know that both the meeting of the Administrative Committee and the meeting of the Board transacted the business that came before them with efficiency and with a quorum present at both meetings. I will transmit to you the Minutes of these meetings in due course.

If the weather is as delightful in Connecticut as it is in Princeton this morning, you will feel a lift in your strength by the very atmosphere of the day.

With abiding affection, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin F. Farber
Alias
for
Ben

BFF:mfa

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My Dear Robert.

My deepest sympathy goes to you in your trials. Having passed through the same ordeal about eighteen months ago, I can speak out of experience. It is no easy road. I was fortunate enough to need only one operation. That was a cause for great gratitude, since it was sufficient to remove my trouble and leave me in splendid condition. I say this for your encouragement.

Many physicians advise the two operations for a more safe and definite result. I hope and pray that it will be so in your case. I am sure it will be as

you have an inheritance
and life resources fro
consistent living. To do
from.

It is sometimes hard
include such experiences
these among the "all things
which work "for good". Yet
how much brighter the sky
looks when seen from the
bottom of the canyon. Sh
appears then, which we would not h
known existed. The prospect
too, makes the upward climb
more easily endured. Yes
it not for the "nevertheless afterw
the "peaceable fruits" would not
for the want of proper Elev

May the God of all grace and
patience be to you in
experience, the comfort and
peace which you have so ofte
held. Pray for others in their tri
is my prayer for you and
your dear wife in your Fi
of Trial. Affectionately - Robert

THE HEAD MASTER'S STUDY

Dear Dr. Speer:

I appreciated so much your letter of December 5, and especially to know that you are recuperating and that the future looks so bright for you with respect to your physical condition. Best of luck to you!

I think probably it would best for you to forego your April 29 date, for I would not want you to have it on your mind, especially if you did not feel like traveling at that time. I can readily fill it.

I have put you down for January 6 and May 19 in 1946, when I hope nothing will prevent your being with us.

With affectionate Christmas Greetings to you and Mrs. Speer, in which Marnie joins, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Lewis

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

December 7, 1944.

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58 Mercer Street
Princeton, N.J.
December 3, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

We were all so glad when Dr. Mackay announced in chapel this morning that you had been able to return to Lakeville again. Our thoughts and prayers had been with you in these past weeks, and we are grateful to God that he has so graciously brought you through this operation. I understand that you will undergo another operation sometime next year. So this must be a time of anxiety for you and your family in some respect. But we trust and pray that the Lord will grant you strength of body and firmness of faith to pass through that new ordeal.

We had hoped to have you with us at the Life and Faith Seminar in Edinburgh, Pa. last month. Our thoughts wandered frequently to you in your hospital, and all the men present regretted that you were unable to be with us. It was a strange experience after all these years, in which George had conducted the seminars, to work under a new leader with a different vision of the work to be accomplished. But Dr. Howard brings the right heart and spirit with him for the work, and thus I hope that under the new leadership these meetings will continue to be a blessing to the ministers and the church. I hope that as time goes on Dr. Howard will feel a little bit more sure of himself and will not to closely follow the official line of the policy of the Board. It was George's greatness that with all his readiness to cooperate he combined such independence of outlook and determination of action.

Mrs. Piper joins me in wishing you God's rich blessing for the Christmas season and speedy recovery from your operation.

Very sincerely yours

Otto A. Piper

Otto A.Piper

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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, N. J.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 8, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

How greatly we missed you at our Commencement last Tuesday. You were much, however, in our thoughts and prayers and you would be happy to know the tender solicitude which was expressed for you and the times you were remembered in public prayer.

We are all greatly relieved to know that the first operation was so successful and that you are recuperating strength amid the austere late fall loveliness of Lakeville.

We understand that a second operation will be necessary, but prayer in public and private goes up to God for you unceasingly, that the major ordeal may also be passed through in safety and that the great and loving Physician Himself may vouchsafe his real presence and help, during the operation and convalescence.

In the meantime, may you have a very quiet and joyous time at home with your loved ones.

Tel.
Plaza 5-2795

444 East 52 St
New York
December 8,1944

Dear Robert

I was sorry to have heard of your illness and regret that I could not get up to see you at the hospital,but correspondingly pleased to hear of your recovery and return home

I renewed acquaintance with our P.A.E. old friend and Andover companion after these many years and we had a delightful chat over old times and we both agreed that we three should have a reunion soon and accordingly I am now inviting you to take Lunch with me at any time convenient to you and John,and hope you will drop me a line as to when it will be convenient for you .I am inviting John also.Outside of Harry Stimson I do not know of any other of our distinguished P.A.E. Fraternity available Do you?

Looking forward to the Reunion I remain
Fraternally Yours

Arthur Goodz

JOHN R. TODD
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
MOHAWK 4-3044

CABLE
TODROBENG

December 8, 1944

Dear Bobby:

That note I received from you was a sweet one. It reflected a side of your character which is vastly important and which comparatively few people know and understand. The note was also clever and highly diplomatic.

I wrote to you to find out whether you respected this man Jones - whether he was a good man to play ball with - and worked in harness. Your answer was that you were glad I liked him.

Sorry you have been having a little trouble. But I am delighted with the way you are taking it - all in a day's work without the slightest comment or complaint.

God bless you and give you many more years to carry on the splendid influence you have exerted over the whole world.

Affectionately yours,

John R

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Rockledge
Lakeville Conn.

Thank you for the 5" per day which has just come in.

Evangelical and Reformed Church

Office of the Secretary

REV. WILLIAM E. LAMPE
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December 8, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Friend Speer:

At the meeting of the Federal Council last week I learned that you were in the hospital recently but were recovering. I sincerely trust that you are now very much better and are able to do much of the work you would like to be doing.

You have been doing almost incredibly heavy work for more than a half century and surely you are entitled to a real rest and vacation. The Church will miss you and lose much by any let-down in your activities, but if you are careful now, we shall have the benefit of your rich life and experience for many years to come. I trust that we shall have that.

You have always been such a good correspondent in the way of acknowledging the least communication, but I hope that you will make no other use of this note than to allow it to cheer you up and encourage you, for it is the sincere expression of one who has benefited greatly from association with you.

May God continue to pour his blessings upon you.

Most cordially yours,

William E. Lampe

Secretary

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December 12, 1944.

Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
Lakeville, Connecticut:

Dear Doctor Speer:

At its regular meeting on December eighth the session of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia directed me to convey to you our greetings and good wishes. We have followed with prayerful interest your gratifying progress toward restored vigor.

We are grateful for the inspiration to noble living which has come to our congregation through your presence in our pulpit, especially in the recent past. And we look forward eagerly to having you as guest preacher again as soon as your health will permit.

We have also in mind your many years of widely extended and eminent service to the cause of our Lord throughout the world. We are praying that this service may be renewed in the near future.

With our best wishes to you and yours for a happy Christmastide and New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,

Clarence Scott Pedrick,
Clerk of the Session

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419 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

December 12, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of December 8th.

Of course I am startled to learn of your decision, but under the circumstances, I can quite understand it. I know how very difficult it is to write anything when one is ill and even though we are heartily sorry to learn of your decision, I cannot but sympathize with you in your present situation.

We shall, as you suggest, make other arrangements for the Meditations during the year 1945, though I know that they will not be of the same high calibre as yours would have been.

Thank you so much for entertaining the idea, and for the splendid spirit in which you have cooperated with us. I know Dr. Poling will be very sorry to hear of your inability to join the Christian Herald family, on his return to the office.

With every best wish for your continued recovery, I am

Cordially yours,

Frank S. Mead
Editor.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

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23 Hudson View Terrace
Newburgh New York

Dec.13,1944.

Dear Dr.Speer,

Awhile ago I heard that you were ill in a hospital, but I do not remember what hospital it is, so am sending this to 156 Fifth so that it may be for warded to the right place.

With many other friends I was sorry to hear that you were sick and hope that by this time you are better and if possible, home again. It was with regret at the time when I heard that you had reached the retiring age, for you had been connected with the Syria Mission for some time while I was still in Syria and you were always so considerate and thoughtful and ready to give the good advice that we needed. We have been much blessed in having such fine men who were secretaries for Syria and you may be sure we appreciated having you appointed to this position.

My first visit to the Foreign Board Quarters dates away back to a visit to the headquarters on Cedar St. when father took me there to see the Board before my sister and I sailed for Syria in 1885. Later I went to 56 Fifth Ave, when home on furlough and then to 156 where at last I met you. I remember it was then, during of course one of my furloughs that I was introduced to you as our Secretary for Syria and I think it was at that time that you made the statement that I have never forgotten, namely that the work of the Foreign Board was to make Jesus Christ known to the world.

Later we saw you and Interruption here and I cannot remember what I was going to say, and cannot make it out even with my trusty magnifying glass. But I know I wished to say that the Board and the different members with whom I came in contact were and are always good to me. I think we have a wonderful Board.

I have so many delightful memories of your kindness that I felt I wished to say something. And I was sorry when the time came for you to retire. It has given me pleasure to go and see the new rooms with their beautiful furnishings and to feel that these same earnest, welcoming spirit is there as in

the formerroomswithwhich I wssowell acquainted.

My hearty bestwishesforyour health andcontinued usefulness in the Master's service,as they have alwaysbeen. And abright andhappy Christmas to you and yours. I sometimes hearreferencesto your daughterMargaret withwhom I was photographed in front of Mr.Hord's homeinAin Hilweh. Now that building isamilitary hospital which withother ladies, Mrs.Robert Byerly frequently visitsalong with many other helpfulthingsconnected with the armedforces.

Yourscordially,

Charlotte H. Brown

I amvisiting mysister,Mrs.J.M.Leiper through thismonth andJanuary. So I have notonly afine homein Newton,N.J. butalsoanother onehere.

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December 15, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

At the annual luncheon of the Princeton Seminary Alumni Association of this district I was instructed, by unanimous vote of the members present, to convey their affectionate greetings and good wishes to you. Everyone rejoiced in the news I brought them of your being able to leave the hospital and return to your home. They wish me to assure you of their prayers and earnest wishes for your speedy return to full health and strength. May I add a personal word that it gives me a special pleasure in being the one through whom this message is transmitted to you.

I appreciated the privilege of greeting you occasionally while you were a patient and rejoice in the steady progress you made. I regret that I happened to be away the Sunday that you were able to attend the devotional service. I am sure, however, that you were able to obtain a good idea of its nature as Mr. Hartley always conducts it in a very satisfactory manner.

With the seasons warmest greetings, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

George J. Russell

GJR:m

George J. Russell

HUGH F. DICKSON

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December 16, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer:

That you may have all the blessings of the Christmas Season and fullest health during the New Year is our constant and earnest wish. I had seen, by the New York Times, that you were recently ill and it had been my wish to see you when in New York recently, though it seemed, as it always does when I am there, that time passes so quickly that I allowed it to go by so that when I wished to run up to the Presbyterian Hospital, it was beyond visiting hours.

Please rest assured of my warm greetings and high personal esteem, always.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh Dickson

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Presbyterian Church of the USA.,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Dec 16 - 44

Dear Robert - We are so very happy that the reports from your friends in "156" tell of your steady gaining in health & strength. I am sure you are happy to be at home during Christmas tide. Mrs. Zwemer & I sent out a few cards with an old time message & I cannot recall whether yours went out to the Hospital. So I send a duplicate with double love.

We have had busy days. Dr. Wherrills Conf. on how to approach Moslems grinds on its weary way. He has got so far as to say our approach must be religious! Next Sunday I preach at Arlington N.J. Presb. ch. & tonight help in a Candle-light service at Biblical Seminary.

You will be glad to hear that the campaign for the Friendly League had some large gifts - in consider

to prayer & was able yesterday just before the date set to meet the Bank's offer. So the ex-president & the ex-chairman of the campaign are very happy about it all.

We rejoice in our children & 13 grandchildren & the drawing-room has been full of packages & tinsel to send & make Jenny heart glad.

Raymond is now Chairman of the Com. on Intercultural relations with all Latin American & likes his new chief Hettinger.

This carries our assurance of daily prayer for you & your loved circle

Affectionately Sam

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158 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10

December 18, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your gracious note. You may be assured that whatever you have available for publication is of keen interest to us: and I hope you will send us the manuscript which you have mentioned, THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SON OF GOD.

Of course we are all facing shortage of paper and operating under paper quota restrictions which are very difficult to follow. We over-sold our 1944 quota decidedly and with the tremendous demand for our older books we are obliged to be very careful indeed about newer volumes. We are restricting our list to those which must be published in 1945 and are postponing others until later.

Enclosed is material which we are sending to the press regarding our Seventy-fifth Anniversary: possibly you may have noted reference to this occasion in certain periodicals.

I do wish to add a personal word. I am so glad to learn that you are back home and hope that you are being careful and not over-doing. We think of your often and send our affectionate and sincere Christmas Greetings.

Most cordially,

William R. Barbour

President
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Rockledge,
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December 18, 1944

Rev. R. E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have a letter from George Innes telling me of your illness. I hope by this time you are on your way to recovery.

I want you to know of my love and sympathy and to tell you that I am remembering you in prayer for full recovery.

I am, with great admiration,

Yours sincerely,

Fred C. MacMillan

Fred C. MacMillan

FCM:DW

MISS LOUISE PHILIPS
3729 WOODLAND
KANSAS CITY, MO.

12:50 P.M. Wednesday Dec. 20. 1944

Beloved Bishop Shero:-

I can scarcely credit it that I have been this long in sending you my sympathy - for I know, active one that you have been, inaction in a hospital is not to your taste.

Well if I have not been in a hospital, my widowed sister, (78) who lives next door - the only other member of my family, has been sick - & for several weeks now has been in a hospital. She had to undergo a major surgical operation on her stomach. and while the operation was successful, it will be a miracle on a miracle if she can long survive.

The doctor said the operation would not prolong her life, but would make her more comfortable.

If He can not hear Hezekiah's prayer & see his tears, I have the prospect of being left humanly very lonely at 86. In a way I've never taken any other catastrophe so grievously but I of course bow to the Maker's will.

So long as one believes in God & can work & pray for His kingdom life can never have to be sacrificed.

And I know you have treasures untold to face back upon in any dark hour.

And He says "The woman whose faith ventures reaches out for millions the word is by things, [illegible] against [illegible] ile [illegible]

He says "for all these things I will be inquired of them, to do it for them." And He always wants to be gracious, and do more for His people than they can ask or think!

HE is faithful.

So now help Him by praying against His arch enemy—Rome!

Moreover shall we not in this dark hour, by fasting and prayer, make a *new* onslaught on drinks, narcotics and demoralizing amusements!

. . . . . Yours to all yours, from, Mrs. Louis

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 21, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

It was a great joy to receive the post card written in your own familiar handwriting. How happy we are that your strength is returning and that your spirits are so buoyed up, looking beyond the surgical ordeal to restored health. Between now and then, you will be in our constant prayers, and the prayers of a multitude of other friends, that Israel's Shepherd may lead you in safety through the hazards of the Valley and out beyond into a season of service across the threshold of the four score.

You may have heard rumors that the Board of Foreign Missions has elected me as its new President. I took a month to consider the matter and finally decided to accept both the honor and the responsibilities of the office. When I was approached about the same matter four and a half years ago, I declined, being then, as you may remember, somewhat under the weather and I felt that I could not honestly do what would be required of me in so responsible a position.

As it is, it will mean a considerable adjustment in my schedule and a re-appraisal of values, but I am prepared to give all the time I can to the cause to which you have given your life and which has been throughout the years my own basic commitment.

It was a joy, a few minutes after taking office to make as my first announcement that I had heard from you and that you were progressing favorably. The Board voted,

thereupon, to ask me to send you and Mrs. Speer loving greetings for the Christmas and the New Year. This I now do, transmitting to you both the assurance that all the many friends at 156 Fifth Avenue, who owe so much to you both, are constantly close to you in thought and in prayer.

With love and Christmas greetings,

Yours very affectionately,

John

John A. Mackay

JAM:mfa

Dorset, Ont. Nov. 21/44.

Dear Mrs Speer—

Our mutual friend Adelaide Browne has sent me a card giving me your present address and suggesting that I write you a note.

My words fail at a time like this, but God's word is forever settled in heaven so may I ask you to read I Cor. 1: 3-5 as my special message to you!

You may not know
it was while Dr. Sp
was praying in the
Student Volunteer Con
in Cleveland Ohio,
that I was led to g
up my beloved wo
in the New York City Mis
and offer myself to go to
India. I have never
regretted the step that
took.

Now I am praying that
Dr Spurr may be raised
up to continue to
influence many others
go to preach the Gospel
in the unevangelized regions.
I am thankful to report
that my health is better
than it was.
My best wishes for your work
Yours in Christ
Amanda M. Jefferson

"BERRY BROOK"

ORANGE, VIRGINIA

Christmas Morning.

My dear Robert :-

Mrs. Mack and I have you in the thoughts and prayers of our hearts this day, hoping that your progress toward complete recovery is sure and steady. We shall be glad, when you can, if you will send us word of your happy return to good health. May God, in all the days of 1945, keep you strong that you may carry on your service for peace and good will among men! We wish for Mrs. Speer also a year of health and joy.

We are not, as in other years, in Richmond today at a family gathering in one of the homes of Mrs. Mack's large family. The children of this home are far away. We are standing by, declining invitations for dinner

with local friends, that we may receive any messages from the absent ones. My oldest son, a distinguished chemist, is in some unreported service to the Government, which keeps him away from home, also not allowing us to know his location. Our young Tinsley is in transit from Great Lakes to his new Radar training station, to be "blacked-out" from us until settled in his new place of training. My only daughter's son is over-seas; her husband goes early this year as commander of a new hospital ship probably to the Pacific. Their son-in-law, Lieut. McCintock, who as commander of the Darter, a ship which had a tragic, but heroic end, in the battle for Leyte, is at home waiting for the third submarine, which he is to command in the Eastern Pacific.

You can understand why we shall try to weather-out the winter at Berrybrook, keeping doors and gates open for news from, or return of, our scattered loved ones. If you come this way please drop in on us. Mrs. Mac & I heartily concur.

Affectionately, Edward Mac

Don't try to answer until strong again.

620 AMBERSON AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, 6, PENNSYLVANIA

Dec. 29, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your Christmas note arrived today, with the news of your return to the hospital, I presume for the customary second operation. Hurry and I want you to know that our hopes and prayers that you will have an easier time than at the first operation are with

you. For only your note, but Mrs. Speers, and a brief talk with Mrs. Coffin when she was in Pittsburgh last month, led me to think that your recovery was good after the last operation.

Thank you very much for "Luck and Opportunity." I have dipped into it with interest and look forward with pleasure to reading it.

Before Christmas, John had had a leave, the first in 14 months. When he was home, his engagement was announced to Myra Burnham, a very lovely girl, who belongs to our church. Charity and I thoroughly approve the match. He had to return to his ship, of which he is now the commanding officer, three weeks ago. Jason, who is now an interne at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and

him, a student in Princeton, discharged from the Navy and rejected in the draft for albumenuria, but well just the same, was home at the Christmas weekend.

I hope that it will not be long till I see you at Princeton or in New York.

With affectionate regards, I am

Your friend and admirer,

John Buchanan

Bancroft Ms. 95 [illegible] Princeton

Dear Pole:— 75

This is just to tell you how happy we are that you are feeling so much better and will be in good shape to meet the operation next week.

I also want to express my gratitude for Five Minutes a day that you sent me a year ago.

I use it every day with my other devotional reading and find it so helpful.

One of the many gems that has appealed especially to me is the sonnet by J. Ritchie Smith. Some we have met quite well and loved. They lived here a number of years before

death.
Many loving New Year
wishes to you all and
again my heart felt appre-
ciation for the little book
with the blue cover.
With deep affection
Beth

Dec. 29-1944

Mrs. Thomas Henry Powers Sailer

219 Walnut Street
Englewood, New Jersey

31 December, 1944.

Dear Robert Speer -

This morning as I read the last page in your "Five Minutes a Day", which I have been reading all through this year now so nearly gone, I thought of you and of how much help and inspiration you have given to many of us who have been using the book as I have through the year.

I wonder if you remember that you wrote "With love and best wishes" in the little book before you sent it to me, and it

The men [illegible] for good in this day and generation for your love had in your full and busy life.

My love goes to you and Emma — and to Margaret by the it still with you — for the kindness. May God bless you all abundantly

Affectionately yours,

Martha Dudley.

has been the more precious to me for that inscription.

I shall begin at the first page again tomorrow morning and read it every day. For its verses and prayers will be even more helpful as they are more familiar.

I am sure there are many people who thank God in their heart as I do —

You and dear Emma have been in my thoughts very often in these long weeks of your illness, and I pray that in the weeks ahead God may give you renewed health and strength,

Mrs. Cleland B. McAfee 735 Washington Street Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

I want to wish you a happier New Year than 1944. and tell you that I rejoice, with Mr Buckley, and thank God, for the word in his P.S. I think I will send his letter - there is so much in it that suggests his fine, and lovely life - and his signature suggests that his strength is failing.

I rejoice for you that you are to have the quiet months of rest - with no outside demands -

and that you will work
it together.

Now time it is that
Dr Mackay will add
the Presidency of the
Board, to his many
and arduous duties.
and that he will be
in that position in
the difficult and
important years that
are before our beloved
Board. I do hope all is
going well with you
and yours. My love
to you both.

Ever truly yours
Jessie B. McGill

December 31. 1944.

MRS. CLELAND B. MCAFEE
735 WASHINGTON STREET
WELLESLEY, MASS.

"God of the nation, near for,
Ruler of all mankind,
Bless thou thy people
as they strive
The paths of peace to find.

O father, from the curse
of war
We pray thee now release
And speed, O speed the
blessed day
Of justice, love and peace" -

This is a good prayer on our
Christmas cards -

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" 14-33-02
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WILLIAM WALLACE

145 RAVINE FOREST DRIVE
PHONE 1438
LAKE BLUFF, ILLINOIS
U. S. A.

Lake Bluff –
31st of December '44 –

Dear Robert; –

I have just perused your letter of July with its picture of your home life in Lakeville where you and your wife have been "as happy as happy can be" and was waiting until I could announce that I was back in my beloved Mexico, for a chat with you, when a letter "to the former missionaries" from the Board told me that "after several weeks in Presb. Hospital, recuperating from his operation, Dr. S. is in his Lakeville Home". It went on to say that you would have another operation shortly. (That sentence, in Latin American style, has become a paragraph). So I'm writing immediately in the last hours of 1944 to assure you that you will continue daily in my thoughts of love and in my prayer of hope – that you will "come out into a broad place", with the satisfaction that all cause for anxiety has been removed, both for yourself and Mrs. Speer.

It is with a distinct sense of relief that I finished and mailed for its final redaction in Mexico City the last of copy for the Spanish Bible Dictionary with the hope that it may be published this coming year.

As usual, I have had some delightful months

with my two daughters here and their families, since I came up last June. Their household duties have been lightened by the presence of two mexican maids whom I brought up with me. It took six weeks, including numberless appearances at the Mex. offices of Foreign affairs and Migration as well as at the American Embassy in addition, to secure the required passports for the two girls.

I plan to leave in January for Mexico City in my annual migration and look forward to the pleasure of greeting and knowing the new missionaries sent out to collaborate with the National Church. The Six year Progressive Movement is being carried on under national leadership with faith and enthusiasm.

I hope you have good news from your children. With best wishes for strength and health and renewed tokens of the Master's presence for yourself and Mrs. Speer.

Faithfully yours —

Will Wallace

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"BERRY BROOK"
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

January 1st 1945.

Dear Robert:

This New Year Day Mrs. Mock and I have you in our thoughts, and in our best wishes for yourself and all of your loved ones for all the days of Nineteen-Forty-Five.

We are hoping you have passed safely the second stage of your dual operation, or are in fine preparation for it, with assurance of speedy return to normal health. Your Southern friends will be needing in coming years your richly blest messages.

Under another cover I am presuming to send you a daily reminder of Old Virginia, "down where the South begins", hoping it will help to keep in mind the many Virginia friends who are grateful to you for your help to them.

Please commend us to Mrs. Spier.

Affectionately,
Ed.

Do not make any effort for reply.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRANK HARVEY THROOP, D. D., MINISTER
COLUMBUS, OHIO

January 1st 1945

Robert E. Speer D. D.
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have just learned from a letter to Former Missionaries, that you have been ill and confined to some hospital for surgical attention and that you are now at your home. I trust that this general address will find you. I am deeply concerned to know of your ill health. I have felt that you were a living example of what careful living could do to make a man grow old in years and yet not loose his strength and vitality. That careful living will be of great value to you now in this extremity..

I most earnestly pray that you may speedily regain your health and continue to make your strong contribution to a needly world in this hour. I maintain and I am sure you will agree that the Church of Jesus Christ does not depend upon favorable circumstance to make its greatest contributions. Bad government however hostile has not succeeded in destroying it and any opposition is helpless to quench its spirit. This then is a great hour for the church both at home and abroad and we need every voice lifted to make it known.

May God richly bless you, and raise you up to continue your ministry in an hour like this. A very Happy New Year to you.

Affectionately yours,

Frank H. Throop

1314 - 18th Street, N.W

APARTMENT 711A
1025 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

January 4

Dear Froggy,

What an amazing man you are! When I am sick everything goes by the board, but sick as you were, you could yet remember your friends and get a book, such as you did for me, wrap it, address it, mail it. I stand before you in admiration and wonder!

I hope this second operation will soon be over

and that when the healing process is completed, you will be more comfortable than you have been for a long time.

Blessings on you. I wish I were nearer so that I could run and fetch and be helpful a bit.

I am looking forward with great joy to reading my book now that I have a pleasant little apartment where I can call my soul my own.

I did so miss being at Rockledge for Christmas. Let us hope next Christmas will find war-mad world at peace.

Devotedly
Augusta

575 Hancock St
Brooklyn 33 - N.Y.
Jan 2, 1945.

Rev. Robert E. Speer:
Dear Man of God:
I beg to acknowledge my humble thanks, for the book The Plight of man, and The Power of God. Which was so unexpected, due to your illness. I have not been on Traffic duty since Dec 4th, as I have been confined at home with Varicose Veins in both legs. I endured it as long as I could, and then was compelled to give up, go home and to bed. I was in bed 23 days. But am now sitting up, and can report Progress.

And I am now thinking, and saying it, relative to my Good Wife Who has been nurse, and Secretary, and a Christian.

I am acquainted with a Hetscott, With St Francis Xavier on 16th St West of 5th Ave, and he is a Writer also. And when he heard of my going to be moved and was so later, and heard My wife Was. And also refused to be moderenough to drink or smoke, He said you have something very rare these days. Well I hope be the latter part of this month to be back to duty.

The thing that seems to be most effective is placing my legs, in a bop with a 40 Watt bulb, first 1 hour in 2 off. Then in reverse. then 3 hours in 1 hour off. now 2 in 1 off. I feel good otherwise. The People on outside of the apartment have been so kind visiting, and offering my good wife assistance, in any way possible. It is like a Village. My Pastor has called several times, and different ones from the church, and Telephone calls. I have been lucky to use the sun, and I once heard a man say it's better ~~so than~~ to be born lucky than rich.

Having not been able to hear indirectly, relative to you since my confinement, I am still thinking, and Praying for you, and your dear Wife. Hoping things are more favorable for you, and the best their is to be had, and can be done for you. My ~~Kind~~ Kindest regards to the rest of the family. And that in due time we shall be Permitted to see each other again. But when past 50, we are no longer youths. And it takes longer to mend these bodies. It is a universal affliction. But our usefullness is not ended. I can only say, What! A little 3 year old girl told me, several years by the F. I. Bldg. Her mother said anything today to the Effect before we leave. Good Well! be a good boy. Sydney E. Hutch

GEORGE H. MILNE
BELGO ROAD
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

January 4, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

I tried to telephone my thanks to you but the connection was not over-good and Mrs. Speer, who took my message, may not have even known who was talking.

I just got back from the hospital Friday and understand you are either back again or about to return. I wish you well, Doctor, and hope that what they do for you will add greatly to your comfort and satisfaction.

Harkness is a fine place for a short time but during the three or four weeks I was there I got fed up with it.

I greatly enjoyed Jefferson, and particularly the chapter on slavery, as I never understood how a man of his fine character and ability could keep slaves and advocate liberty at the same time.

With warm regard, and hoping to see you after your return, believe me always,

Your friend,

George H. Milne

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

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626 5th St.N.,
St.Petersburg,Fla.
January 4, 1945.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Conn.

Dear Robert,

This is the first time I ever remember to have written you when you were supposed to be laid aside for repairs. You certainly have been blessed with a wonderful reservoir of health during your long life. The paper stated that you had one operation and were resting up for a second, though it gave no inkling of how serious the operations were. It may be by the time this reaches you that you will be on the go again, carrying to completion your busy mission.

Anyway, I want to tell you how sorry I am to learn of your temporary illness and to assure you that my earnest hopes and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery. I imagine your surroundings are ideal for recuperation, if the weather only will cooperate as it would do nicely if you were down here in the Florida sunshine. "All things work together for good", and I suspect that this resting time will in due course produce new treasures from the abounding storehouse with which Providence has provided you, enriched anew with each several experience through which you are called on to pass.

A letter from Dr.Schell this week tells me he is to visit Florida in March on work for the Board, and will speak here March 18th. I shall be glad to see him again, as he is the only one of the secretaries I now know. He says all the others have come into service within the last eight years, and that his own retirement comes in three years. Great changes have taken place since 1889.

I will be reaching my 80th birthday the coming September (29th), and find myself not nearly so agile as formerly, though my general health is fairly good. This afternoon I am attending the funeral of John Kelso,one of the well known Kelso line, cousin of Dr.Kelso,formerly of Western Seminary in Pittsburg. He died suddenly in our Bowling Club building on New Years day. He was a fine man, and an elder in the Presbyterian church here.

Wishing you speedy and full recovery,

As Ever. Your Friend. George W. Fullon

6432 Wisconsin Road
Washington, 16, D.C.
January 4th 1945

Dear Mrs. Speer -

Word of Dr. Speer's illness reached me some time ago and was recently followed by the good word via the Board, that he was at home convalescing. I do hope and pray that he may be making a satisfactory recovery and that further treatment may result in his complete restoration to health.

Please give him my affectionate greetings and

all good wishes for this New Year: and the same for you, dear Mrs. Speer, and for all your family.

Here we are all well: had a fairly quiet holiday season, preceded by a two-week's visit from Patricia Crew Fleming and my little great-grandson, which was not quiet! Little Mac, 16 months old on Christmas Day, is toddling about and is as quick as a water-bug; so he keeps us all on the qui vive. They were en route to Camp Lee, Va., where Mac Fleming, his

completed his training for special service, was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant. Dr. & Mrs. D. J. Fleming were there, too, and all spent Christmas in Georgia with the Fleming's older daughter. Pat & family are now in Lynchburg, Va., where she and Little Mac expect to remain "for the duration", and Mac await his "marching orders". A second baby is due in June! Little Mac is a beautiful child, and looks much like Pat did at his age. He is sunny and friendly

and we all love him. How Webster would have loved him, in spite of his oft repeated statement that he preferred girls!!

Please don't feel it at all necessary to answer this note: I just wanted you to know that I still love you both and am always interested in all that concerns you and yours.

Again, may the best of everything be yours in this New Year, especially health and peace.

Ever sincerely, Hallie May Brown

answered by MBS / Jan 15, 1945

7 Reinway Court
Pasadena 4, Calif.
January 5, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

When Dr. Ruland was here in November, I had a word with him regarding your forced hospital experience. I was very sorry to know that you were obliged to take that sort of a rest.

Now in a communication from 156 I learn that you are able to be back in Lakeville. That good news calls for an expression of thanksgiving and congratulation.

This is just to let you know that we have felt concern and rejoice with your many friends in knowing that you are back home again.

It also will convey our affectionate greetings to both you and Mrs. Speer with all good wishes for your complete return to strength and activity.

We are planning to drive east this spring and shall probably pass thru Connecticut, but may not reach your part of the state. However, we shall be thinking of you and the various members of your family, as we have for many years with only the happiest memories.

Gertrude joins me in this brief note of greeting and esteem.

Cordially yours,

Mark A. Steinbeck

THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

January 8, 1945

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Medical Center
New York City

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter, telling me of your safe arrival and of the plan for the completion of Doctor Speer's surgery today. I am glad that the trip down was such a comfortable one, and I hope that by the time this note reaches you Dr. Speer will be well on his way to the initial stage of recovery.

When Doctor Speer is in a condition to be interested in such matters will you please tell him that the bill sent him was for the beloved tonic which we gave him. I had no intention of making charges for the visits and such other help as I was able to give; consequently, I kept no record of the number of visits or the dates of them. Please give him my very best wishes for a speedy and comfortable convalescence.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

Harry J. Wieler

HARRY J. WIELER, M.D.

DELAVAN L. PIERSON
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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January 9 1945

My Dear Bob.

You are back in the hospital I hear! You have anticipated yourself! Our Prayer notes were sent out before I heard of your return, so the more is in error - not inspired!

I hope and pray that you may progress well and soon be over home again making a great recovery. I wish

that I might do something
to hasten your recovery
and to add to your Cheer.

I plan to call up the
hospital to see if I can
come up and catch a
glimpse of you.

Enclosed is a check
you sent me a year ago
on the Prayer Notes Expense
It was filed by mistake
with the correspondence
I hesitate to cash it
lest you order it to the

bank is now no good!!
We can still use it of
your work

With love and best
hopes & fervent prayer for
your need Yours

Affectionately
Rhoda

January 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Father has asked me to acknowledge your very kind letter of December 31st, which reached him yesterday and which Mother read to him a few hours after his second operation. He is in much better shape after this operation than he was after the first one several months ago. The Doctor is pleased with his progress and we are all hoping now that he will not have many more weeks in the hospital.

After this long period of inactivity he is looking forward to the prospect of his normal routine and speaking engagements again by late spring. I do not need to tell you that he has taken this unusual e perience with his usual serenity and keen good humor.

We continue to get good word from my sister in England and my brother, who comes and goes across the Pacific.

Sincerely yours,

MBS:W

Margaret Bailey Speer

Mr. William Wallace
Calle Del Sena #69
Mexico, D. F.

January 9, 1945

Dear Mrs. Morrison:-

Father has asked me to thank you for your very kind letter of January 4th, which reached him at the hospital, where he has just had a second operation. He is not yet able to write letters himself, but he is making excellent progress and we hope will soon be his usual vigorous self again.

Sincerely yours,

MBS:W

Margaret Bailey Speer

Mrs. Robert Morrison
49 Jane Street
New York 4, New York

January 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Poteat,

Father has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 3rd and to say how sorry he is that he will not be able to accept your invitation to speak at the meetings in Lewisburg during the last week in March.

He has been quite ill for several months and has had to have two operations. The second one was performed yesterday and when I left the hospital this morning the doctors and nurses were very much pleased with the good progress Father was making. If he keeps on at this rate, I am sure he will be speaking again by late spring, but it seems best for him not to undertake any engagements before April at the earliest. After so many years of rugged good health the inactivity of these last months has been very hard and he is looking forward to the time when he can begin speaking again.

Most sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

The Rev. Gordon Poteat
637 Taylor Street
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

January 9, 1945

Dear Mrs. Browning,

Your very nice letter to Mother came yesterday shortly after Father had had his second operation and Mother read it aloud to Father in the evening. We are all very much pleased by the progress he is making. It was very slow at first, but he was in much better shape for the second operation than he had been for the first one and we all hope now that there will not be many more weeks in the hospital. I know he will gain fast when he is able to get to Lakeville again.

Everyone has been extraordinarily kind during these weeks of Father's illness and we have all been conscious of the power of love and prayer that has been poured out for him.

The news of your little great grandson was particularly interesting to me, since the Flemings were neighbors of our in Englewood and Mac was more or less a contemporary of my brother Bill.

With very affectionate greetings from us all,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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January 10th, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticutt

Dear Dr. Speer:

Just a New Year's note to assure you of the satisfaction we have over the word that comes of your gradual return to health. This truly makes the hearts of your friends everywhere most happy. This also assures you of our continual remembrance of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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INNES COMPANY
1150 EAST PICO BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, 21 CALIFORNIA

Jan. 12-1945

My dear Robert.

It was good of you weak as you must have been to have written to me when you came out of the hospital, but I was glad to hear that you were out

In another mo. you will have to return. I do not want to burden Mrs Speer but if she will drop me these cards with a message on the back I will appreciate it.

Our potato Harvester acquitted itself well on test & demonstration in Winter Potatoes in San Joaquin Valley last week.

It was interesting to a U. P. that Niebuhr Chose David & Paul as his pattern theologians.

Always Affectionately

Boogs

INNES PICK-UPS AND FEEDERS

ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Jan. 13, 1945

Dear Robert:

I am delighted by the report that the last hurdle on your road to recovery has been successfully passed and that you are "doing splendidly." It is in my heart to go up to see you, but I am nursing a cold and under general orders to avoid long bus and subway trips. Except for this temporary cold, I feel well; but when I entered a crowded bus recently, a middle-aged woman rose and offered me her seat! That was rubbing it in. So I continue to give you absent treatment in thought and prayer.

Ever affectionately, Arthur

January 13 1945

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

Dr.

My dear Dr. Speer

I asked Dorothy Coffin this morning whether you would feel like having visitors, and she said she thought not yet: so, failing that, I want to send you this written word to tell you that I hope most heartily that you are already feeling much better, and will be better every day.

The dear association of the Hill School days make a bond of memory and affection with you that is always warm.

Yours faithfully,

W. Duane Crowe

Jan 6

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Winter Park, Florida 1/13/45.

Dear Rob:

I have heard from Herrick Young of your successful recovery from the second operation. It is good news for a wider circle than you know. Prayers have been ascending in your behalf from a multitude of friends.

I hope you plan to come to Florida for your convalescence. There is no need to fight the Winter. Many of your friends are here in Winter Park — the most Christian and intellectual community in the State. It is crowded, but we could find a place for you and Mrs. Speer.

Isn't it a comforting thought that your writings, and many of your speeches, go right on working for you while you are temporarily physically inactive?

Your friend,

W. T. Ellis

Delavan L. Pierson
184 Fernwood Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

June 19, 1945

My dear Rob.

Your hospitalized note came - with returned check - and I have put the latter into circulation. The note is still more valued but hop to be turned into cash!

I would not have written about the check if I had known that you had returned to the hospital. We are all thankful that you are progressing satisfactorily - even if not wholly in comfort. May you soon be "better" than ever.

As you know, I planned to come up in a glimpse of you last Friday but your dear wife thought it would be better to wait. John Mott also planned to come up but was warned away. We are all happy to do anything we can, or leave undone anything that is best, for your health and happiness.

John Mott is eager to have us remember his wife especially in prayer. She has been in bed for six weeks with heart trouble and is now up for part of the day – in Orlando. Of course it is a trial to them to be separated so much during her illness. John's daughter Eleanor, in Toronto, is also in the hospital with heart trouble, and he asks our prayers for her.

With cheery greetings in the midst of testing times

Affectionately Your

D. Brown

Send word to our "prayer group" about your return to the hospital and your satisfactory progress. D.B.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

January 19, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are all over-joyed to hear that you have passed through the operation most successfully. On Sunday I had an engagement in Teaneck, New Jersey and before leaving the home where I was staying I rang up the hospital, about eight in the morning, to find out how you were and whether it would be possible to see you on my way down to the Board meeting. I learned that no visitors were being allowed to see you as yet, but that in the very near future it would be possible to pay you a visit. I am hoping, therefore, to see you, if for only a few minutes, next Monday.

How thrilled we are, and full of gratitude to God for His loving kindness to you! I am sending out, to all the members of the Board, notices of the happy outcome of the operation , and our prayers will continue for your complete recovery.

You will be sorry to know that Dr. and Mrs. Piper have lost their elder son, Gero. He was killed in Luxembourg on the twenty-fourth of December, but word only came to them last Monday. They are both bearing up marvelously well. Their younger boy, Manfred, is also with the American Army on the German border.

Mrs. Mackay and I join in sending loving regards to Mrs. Speer and you.

Yours affectionately,

John

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Madison Avenue at Olive Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Peter Kenneth Emmons, Minister

January 20th, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Harkness Pavilion
Presbyterian Hospital
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

We are all delighted and thankful to God for the good news which we are receiving concerning the success of your operation and your speedy recovery following it. We are so glad that this ordeal is over and that all indications point to your complete recovery. Ned Dodd gave us a most encouraging report at the Board meeting in New York the other day.

I want you to know that all of us here in Westminster Church are thankful for this good news and continue to pray for your speedy and complete recovery.

Very cordially yours,

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January 22, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Presbyterian Hospital,
620 West 168th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am delighted to learn from Dr. Mackay's letter to the Board that your second operation appears to have been entirely successful. I hope and pray that you will be speedily restored to health and strength and trust that you will not undertake the performance of duties during your convalescence which will delay your complete recovery.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Sincerely your friend,

John Buchanan

JGB:LG

III Sunday in Epiphany
1945

Dear Rob -

It is good to get news of thy progress - but I know it must seem very slow to thee, impatient. When thee is back in the harness again - how we all shall rejoice - The Garretts & the Moore and they both know what spiritual experiences can be - and have come up from low stages to vigor again -

Rufus Jones has just given us two illuminating lectures

on Whittier – He believes that the two most formative influences of his adult years – were Coleridge and Horace Bushnell – whose "God in Christ" he thinks had a tremendous effect upon his mind and soul.

"The Silence of Eternity
Interpreted by Love" – he calls the two of our great liners of American poetry.

I thought these transformed lives might be of interest to you.

With much love and constant thoughts of you both

Daisy

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENN AND HIGHLAND AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

ART NYE HUTCHISON, D. D.
1901 SHERIDAN AVENUE

January 24, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Mackay's letter brought the good news that you are on the road to complete recovery. Through these months you have been in the thoughts and prayers of our household as of those of thousands of others over the world. In 1937 I passed through the same experience and was absent from my work for six months. The relief it brought was worth all the pain and waiting.

With affectionate best wishes to your and yours,

Very sincerely,

Stuart Nye Hutchison

ADRIAN LYON
84 GORDON STREET
PERTH AMBOY, N.J.

Jan. 24. 1945.

My dear Dr. Speer.

Upon going over the many letters and cards that I received when I was in the Hospital, and which I was at that time too sick to answer, I came across again your letter to me under date of October 12. How I prized it and how it cheered me I have not words to tell. I have frequently referred to it as among my choicest messages.

And then to think that within a few days thereafter you should be taken in a similar

manner was so distressing that all I could do was to call upon God to spare your precious and useful life.

Now comes the splendid word from Dr. Mackay that you are so improved that you may soon be at your home at Lakeville to which I shall mail this letter.

Surely, God has been good to us.

I am practically recovered from my trouble. I go to my office and bank every day or two.

With the deepest friendship.

Adriance Lyon

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Church Secretary

6745 Greene St.
Philadelphia 19, Pa.
Jan. 25, 1945

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
The Presbyterian Hospital
620 West 168th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. John B. Laird told me at a meeting two days ago that you had gone through your second operation. Having passed through the same thing myself just a year ago, I write to send my best wishes and my assurances of your complete return to health and strength again, once a few painful hurdles are surmounted.

In the case of everyone going through this operation, there is something somewhere along the line which is trying and discouraging. I had to have only the one operation, although it involved the removal of the entire gland. Fortunately, I suffered no pain, but I had a terrific time in the matter of healing, and for several months after leaving the hospital some slight but very annoying seepage. All this has now cleared up.

I mention these things because I know you will encounter something which will undoubtedly try your patience. In fact I have never known but one person who got through the operation without the least difficulty. It is one thing with one person and another thing with the next patient, but always it is something which makes him anxious.

So if you are having any such difficulty, I think you may be comforted to know that I had many long anxious hours before I finally saw that the surgeon was right and that my recovery wasgoing along quite according to schedule. Inasmuch as I had never had any attacks, and was in the best of health when I went into the hospital, I have not felt that tremendous renewal of health which men feel when they are badly worn down. In the case of almost everyone, however, a year or 18 months brings such a restoration of health and vigor as to appear almost miraculous.

May I send my best wishes along with the scores of cordial messages which have gone to you at this time of your illness.

Very sincerely yours,

Earl L. Douglass

Earl L. Douglass

THE WARFIELD CLUB
29 ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, N. J.

25 January 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer,

The men of the Warfield Club have asked me to tell you that we are remembering you in our weekly prayer meetings, and that we hope to see you soon again in Princeton. Your past vigor and cheerfulness assures us that your spirit will not fail in these tedious days.

Let me tell you that your humor has fired many of us via Dr. Blackwood who posted your list of homiletical helps on the bulletin board in Stuart Hall. "Falling into the bucket, chewing on the rope, and dribbling," give many a serious afterthought after the first chuckle. And I would like to add that "Five Minutes a Day," has been a great help to me personally.

We admire your confidence and faith in these physical matters, and sincerely desire your early recovery.

Sincerely,
William J. McKeefery

SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Jan 25/45

Dear Robert – We hope this severe cold will not reach your pavilion & that you are comfortable in every way. When you start your reading a volume a day let me know & I'll try to help you with some books. The Presbyterian sends me quite a number good & indifferent for review. Do you like Scottish Theology? If you do I'll send you a recent volume. When may I come to see you?

Affectionately
Sam.

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BLACKSTONE HOTEL

Omaha 3, Nebraska

January 26, 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer, —

Just before I went to a seminar in Kearney, Nebraska, this week, a letter from Mrs. Heston brought word of your having had your second operation. The report was that you were "doing nicely." I do hope that you are making good progress and that, with this now behind you, you may go on from strength to strength.

The men attending the seminar wanted me to send you their greetings and to have you know that you were remembered in our prayers together.

Everywhere I go — Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska so far this trip — men speak of the help you have brought them in other years. What a multitude of lives you have touched, and what a host of friends in Christ hold you

gratefully in their hearts!

With continuing prayer for your peace of mind and health of body, and with affectionate regard, I am

Faithfully yours,

James M. Howard.

The United Church Mission to Chinese in Canada

REV. WM. D. NOYES, D.D.
MISSIONARY-AT-LARGE

PHONE JUNCTION 6331
127 PACIFIC AVENUE
TORONTO 9 ONTARIO

January 29th 1945

Dear Dr Speer:

Ignorance is not bliss when one finds out later that a personal friend of long standing like you have been having operations – two of them successful though they are reported to be, successful operations are none too pleasant to say the least. Only this morning were we aware of this. We always think of you as a tower of strength, physically mentally and spiritually that it is hard for us to think of you any other way. We trust you will soon be fully recovered.

Never shall I forget how you comforted me on my return from China in 1919. Dr Brown was overseas so I reported to you. You called me with which was a good start and then told me not to worry about the future even though they had tuberculosis and the future looked none too bright. I didn't get back to China but have not forgotten that – Country because there are daily contacts with Southern Chinese here in Canada. The war has rather shattered our work, the Roman Catholics have come in, a new patriotism demands much in time and money, some of our people are discouraged by living long hours of work and some are sick. These may be the many enemies but we feel there is the open door of opportunity which we shall endeavour to enter.

With many best wishes,

Yours very sincerely

Will

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RUSSELL RANCH SCHOOL

TUCSON, ARIZONA

February 1, 1945

My dear Mrs. Speer:

The other day Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrif called at the school. They told us of Dr. Speer's severe illness and I write for Ellen and myself to express the hope that he is making a satisfactory recovery.

It was good to learn of the activities of your family and may the time soon come when thoughts of peace will occupy men's minds.

Our united love to you and yours.

Always sincerely,

Bob

Robert M. Russell

Mrs. Robert E. Spear
Lakeville, Conn.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION

Newport News, Virginia
2 February 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

This is just a note to send to you my love and best wishes for continuing success in the battle you are fighting with the medical powers that have been after you, and to say how happy I am to have word that you are making good progress in this battle.

I remember a scene when my father had been put to bed by two doctors when he was in his early seventies. He had always been active in the woods up to that time and was extremely agile and sure-footed. One of the old woodsman who was accustomed to go with him had said he had never seen him trip or fall in the woods even in the densest slashing or underbrush; but when the symptoms of the particular illness appeared, the doctors did insist upon his going to bed. I remember his saying to me with spirit after the two doctors had gone; "I think I could have gotten out of bed and put both of those doctors on their backs"; and I have no doubt that he could have done so. He was never ill in his life after his early twenties and it was an unusual experience for him to be under doctor's orders just as it has been for you. I am sure you could put on their backs the doctors who have been caring for you just as my father had threatened to do.

I was talking the other day with Capt. Alexis Thompson, Aide to the General here, a Yale graduate, and a man of some wealth and experience in public gatherings, especially in the athletic world. He was speaking of after-dinner addresses, referring particularly to the ability in that sphere of President Angell, Mayor Walker of New York, and General Kilpatrick. He said the most impressive after-dinner speeches he had ever heard were one sentence long; one made by Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion; the other by the former Mayor Walker. This was at a dinner for sports writers at which Gene Tunney, Joe Louis, and Mayor Walker were to speak. Tunney made a long talk of nearly forty minutes in which he was rather heavy and somewhat egotistical. At that time there had been considerable undertone of comment by certain critics of Joe Louis, casting aspersions upon his character and his family relationships which Joe's friends thought untrue and unjust. After Gene Tunney spoke, Joe Louis arose and said just one sentence: "Some people say I am a disgrace to the colored race; I had rather die"; and he sat down.

2 February 1945

When Mayor Walker arose to speak, it was thought he would make one of his flowery and florid addresses, but instead, he merely said, "This man on my left (indicating Joe Louis) has just laid a rose on Lincoln's grave"; and then he sat down. Capt. Thompson said there was thunderous applause which lasted about ten minutes and the dinner broke up on that note.

I think that the three best speakers in vocabulary and diction, that I have heard are: Churchill, Roosevelt, and Robert E. Speer. Brig. General Kilpatrick, our Port Commander, a former classmate at Yale, is a remarkablely able speaker and excels many professionals in that field, and Capt. Thompson and I would include him with our top quartet.

The war news is very good and we are hoping a major decision will be reached soon in Germany. I hope you have good word concerning Billy and your other family relatives in service overseas.

My love to Mrs. Speer and to you.

Affectionately yours,

W. Rex Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER
Major, TC
Port Historian

214 E. Hadley St.
Whittier Feb. 2 - 1945

Robert:- 710

The same letter from #156 has brought us news
a second operation which you have undergone and
your recovery from it. The latter part is good
ws indeed, for which we are giving earnest thanks; we
d not known of the illness until it was all over.
marked, but without celebration, our 50th wedding anniversary
December 27th but were glad to follow the suggestion of a
plet in a birthday card that came to me a month earlier
"Count your age, not by years but by friends" - and by
t standard have felt ourselves especially rich.
has been delightful, since we have been in Whittier to have as
Angeles neighbors Dr and Mrs. W. E. Roberts, Harriet's sister-in-
and husband, and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. McCulloch of our former
home U. P. Church, - one time Moderator of the U. P. Assembly and
Supt. of Missions of the Cal. U. P. Synod. Just recently, Dr. &
Brank have come to Pasadena for a few months' vacation
are giving temporary assistance to Dr. Blake of the Pasadena
ch.
Aside from getting to Church every Sabbath morning, we do
t get out together much since I had my stroke last
, though my better half gets out to other services during
week. We greatly enjoy the pastor and the other church
inds, one of whom is twenty years and one week older than I
teacher of the adult class in the S. S. - Rev. John H Bright.
ne of my Christmas gifts was a copy of your
ive Minutes - a Day", and Mrs. Gunn and I are enjoying and profiting
it at our evening devotion.

Affectionately

Your Friend

Chas. A. Gunn

GEORGE H. MILNE
BELGO ROAD
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

February 3, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

Mrs. Houghton has been away so that I have not been able to tell you in letter form how glad I am that you are back home once more with all this operating business behind you. As a mental relief I know of nothing more stimulating than to see trouble with a looking-glass instead of square in the face.

Your neighbors and friends were able to keep some sort of tract of you through people in New York and visiting the city from Lakeville, so we were spared any deep concern over what was going on.

You have gotten back just in time to see how much snow New England can pile up on the level. Over here where we are it must be two feet deep as many of our stone walls are completely covered. As near as I can recall we have had more snow now than at any time during the winter of the last twelve years. Anyway, it is nice to know that you are all back again in your lovely home on the hillside, near enough to talk with comfort~~ably~~ by telephone, and better still, to see.

With warm regard as always, believe me,

Sincerely your friend,

George H. Milne
Per H. R. H.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

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19 NORTHVIEW AVENUE
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NEW JERSEY

2/7/45

Dear Dr. Speer,-

I brought the kindness of our good and true friend Delevan, we have been kept informed of your trial and now of your returning strength! As we prayed for you so now we thank God with you and Mrs. Speers for your recovery.

Within recent days I have been reading again your helpful book, "Christ and Life". So again as many times before I

thank God for you, for your faith, your world of experience and your consistent life with its great testimony to the power of Him whom you have served and served.

Your clear statement of the relation of our wills in relation to God's will - we need to remember as you say, "to let Him do for us and be in us what we can not do for ourselves or be in ourselves".

I thank you again and will you pray with us that all the efforts we make for Literacy and the production and distribution of Christian Literature may have the blessing to the finding of the foundation in my fol with others, and to the winning of men to Him.

Faithfully yours. Arthur H. Rice

P.S. - Please do not trouble or take your strength to reply to this. Arthur H. Rice

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February 10, 1945

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
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Dear Brethren:

Notice is hereby given that the Administrative Committee of The Board of Trustees of The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, located at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey, will meet at the time and the place specified in the action of the Administrative Committee at its meeting on December 4, 1944, and the following certified call of the Reverend Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Committee:

"I call a meeting of the Administrative Committee to meet in the Parlor of Alexander Hall in Princeton, New Jersey, at 10:30 A.M. on March 6, 1945, for the transaction of any and all business, within the province of the Committee, which may be presented at that time. Especially, to receive reports from the Sub-Committees on "Seminary Administration" and on "Alumni Representation on the Board of Trustees".

Lewis Seymour Mudge
Acting President

Will you please notify the Secretary if you find it impossible to be present.

Faithfully yours,

Benjamin F. Farber

Benjamin F. Farber
Secretary

Because of illness and absence from home of some of the members of the Committee it is essential that every member who can be present for this meeting plan to attend in order that we may have a quorum.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Dear Brethren:

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Notice is hereby given that The Board of Trustees of The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, located at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey, will meet at the time and the place specified in the following certified call of the Vice-President of The Board of Trustees, the Reverend Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge:

"This is to certify that I have received a request for a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 1945, at 2:30 P.M. in the Parish House of the First Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, from three members of the Board--the Reverend Dr. Minot C. Morgan, the Reverend Dr. Peter K. Emmons and Mr. Ray Vance. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may properly come before a Stated or Regular meeting of the Board. I hereby call a meeting of The Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary for March 6, 1945, in accordance with the accompanying request."

Lewis Seymour Mudge
Acting President

Will you please notify the Secretary if you find it impossible to be present.

Faithfully yours,

Benjamin F. Farber

Benjamin F. Farber
Secretary

There will be Commencement Exercises and Conferring of Degrees on Tuesday, March 6, 1945, at 4:30 P.M. in the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, New Jersey. There will be quite a number of graduates and members of The Board of Trustees are urged to be present for this occasion.

HOTEL LAKE ALFRED

"In the Lake Region"

LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA

Feb. 10-1945

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Dear Rob:

We were very sorry to hear some-
time ago of your indisposition and do
hope and pray that ere this you are quite
yourself again and are ready for another
trip to Florida. We have missed you here
this winter especially during Presbyterian
Seminar. As you probably know Dr. Kerr
of Pittsburg and Prof. Rhomadka of Princeton
were here and were very much enjoyed
by the group of about thirty ministers and
were I think very helpful to them.

Lake Alfred Hotel was so full this
winter that this gathering had to meet at
The Horton Hotel in Winter Haven. Main Church
surely does a very wise piece of work
in holding these Seminars for the
instruction and inspiration of its
clergy especially for the younger men,

I do wish that many other denominations could do the same, especially our own whose Ministry are scattered so largely over our small New England hill towns where their salaries are small and the men have little chance to "brighten up".

I suppose you already know that Usual Chain of Sermons in Florida are to meet in Winter Haven next week after next. Feb 21-23 I am enclosing one of their leaflets in case you haven't seen one.

We are glad to tell you that these folks are far, far from 16 yrs as we are. The Hotel has been full to overflowing most of the winter thus far with the same kind of Christian Friends as you met here last winter. The new comers this this season are a especially choice group. Harry Chamberlain the owner and Manager calls us "his family" so when there is a shortage of help or any other lack most all who are strong enough pitch in and help little carrying on keeping the wheels running pretty smoothly and efficiently.

HOTEL LAKE ALFRED

"In the Lake Region"

LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA

From all we hear and read about New England this winter we judge they are having the real thing. It almost makes me homesick for I always love the winters there when there is an abundance of clean white snow. I suppose however, that it is best for us "old folks" to stay here in the balmy Florida sunshine. I have been write here this afternoon at my desk with the windows wide open. Just looked at the thermometer the front piazza entrance to the Hotel and find that now at 4:30 PM it stands at 70° This A.M. it stood at 8:00 AM at 50°. Practically all of the time it stands between about 40° and 80° with clear bright skies.

We have thought of you constantly ever since we reached here Nov 25 and wondered how you were and hoping you would get strength to come down here for a whiff of Florida sunshine. We wish we could see you and your folks but since it does not seem likely we are asking this note to take our Love and Best Wishes to "you alls" without any expectation of troubling you to reply. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless & heal you for many more years of service

Cordially Frances & Ambert Moody

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February 13, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Doctor Speer,

Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr conducted a seminar for Huntingdon Presbytery here at the Nittany Lion Inn based on his recent volume "The Christian Sacraments".

At the luncheon table where I sat next to him he referred to your recent operation. This was the first I had heard of it. I was glad to learn that you were making progress.

I happened to notice in my prayer booklet in which I record the names of those for whom I pray that your name appears each Sunday in the list of those seeking to bring about His Kingdom at home and abroad. I noted the notation of Elliot's death in 1934 so that it has been more than a decade that I have remembered you.

Please do not bother acknowledging this note.

Very sincerely yours,

Donald W. Carruthers

Donald W. Carruthers,
Director

DWC/aw

You're Convalescing!

JJP

431 W. Sixth St
Claremont Calif.
Feb 14, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

We read recently that you had been in a hospital, and hope you are now fully recovered.

We have been having a wonderful time much like our India weather — warm and sunny.

Our son Carl is now somewhere over seas but we don't know where. He will have been in three years on March 3d. He is now in Photographic work. We in the West Coast Defense 2 years.

The Mattox of China are now living in Claremont, and the Bulkleys of Siam, also Dr. Drew.

Affectionately yours,
John & Clara Lawrence

(ex Mainpuri)

February 18th

ARIZONA INN
TUCSON, ARIZONA

JM

Dearest Rob -

We are so glad you
are well again - and I hear
that you need the Kasab
a letter immediately on
receipt of our Christmas
Have this and yours to you
so that it is in the same
place with your Christmas
mail. Have on the back
of it in pencil about the
Kasab - the Kalsa and the Kaus

You were entirely well as your
writing was so much better
that the madness of way which
he had not been able to for
Although he is quite a change
friendly always offering to help
one alert in his
Many family & both boys and
their people where we were
love him. For one month he has
7 years old & boy are twins
their to go for a drive & he
they have accepted
& they were - he both
back on the tracks
is on vacation he
He was there, but it is not
was later & that the Jim Dil
Plantation, that the Government
order for the duration with the same
people to run it - The boat team
is packed to the door & the

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GH THOMSON KERR
NALD FISHER CAMPBELL

February 19, 1945

My dear Robert:

I have heard indirectly that you are back home and well and on your feet. That is good news to me, but no more than I expected. Your fine constitution and the love of God and the skill of the physicians would perform the miracle. You will now be good for many years and it is a joy for me to think of you still going strong.

Sometime when you have a moment of leisure will you jot down two or three names that I could submit to my Church Session as my successor? I am thinking of my retirement but I would like to have the names of a few choice men with your recommendation.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer: 19 Feb 1945

Reports have come to me that you are ill or have been ill. I hope that you have not been overdoing in these days when traveling is so uncomfortable. Perhaps you have been working too hard at your numerous skills: carpentering, stonewall building, farming, bookbinding, etc. Anyway, this is a line to say I hope you are well again.

You will be interested to know that I am now in the Philippines. We came here by plane. We are situated in a grove of cocoanut plams and do not see much of the sun. Usually there is plenty of mud. In fact, it is so bad we wear men's rubber-soled shoes to swish through it. You will know what the weather is in the rainy season as you have been here. But I don't know whether you have been way off from nowhere. Yesterday I went by boat to one of the larger towns. Was there but a short time but passed the Protestant Church and went in and met the Rev. Juan Bao. I was delighted to find that he had met you as well as Dr. Rogers, Dr. Brown, Dr. Hooper and others. I saw one of Dr. McAfee's books in the church. He invited me to his home but I didn't have time. He told me the Freis were the last white people in the town and were not interned as they were helping with the wounded but thought it better to leave later.

I look back with pleasure to the time I worked for you. I hope you get good word from William and the others of your family.

With best regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself,

Sincerely,

Alvin G. White

SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Feb 22/45

Dear Robert – Your loving note of Feb 6 – came while I was in Detroit Michigan. I had time to steal away from Dr. Scudder's campaign to see my two sisters in Holland & Grand Rapids Nellie (of China) & Christina. Both are several years older than we are. Only the three of us left from a family of thirteen!

Recently I had some good meetings in the Congl. Ch. in 143 St. N.Y. whose pastor is a staunch evangelical of Dutch extraction. Then I went to Lincoln College Boston for their Mission Week Meeting. You are known & beloved by that circle.

I can not match you in reading – never could – you break all records. But I did a few for review & studied again Browne's Religio Medici on which Dr. Muldenhauer gave a fine lecture last night. We attend his church & greatly enjoy his preaching. Dr. Zwemer has the Arab virtue of hospitality & we meet many mission folk & students from Princeton & Biblical.

We send our united love to you & Mrs. Afer & hope you are already taking out door exercise.

With affectionate remembrance Sam.

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CHARLES W. MARKER, MINISTER
WHITE HORSE, TRENTON, N. J.

February 22, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer,

Not long ago I asked your advice on books to read and you kindly had sent to me the list of "Must Books" from Philadelphia. I want to tell you much I am grateful for this kindness.

I am reading now your book on "The Finality of Jesus Christ," a truly great book, in which I am finding great pleasure and profit.

Not long ago, while I was in the book store at the Princeton Seminary, they told me of your recent illness. This is sad news indeed for us who love you and have profited so greatly by your works. May it please our good Lord to spare you, so that we may y et again have the pleasure of listening to you and, perhaps, reading another book from your pen. Our prayers are yours in your illness.

With all best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Marker

LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE
New Gulph and Pennswood Roads, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dear Bobby,

I think of you prayerfully
very day & hope you are
eadily gaining in vigor.

Most of this week I
ent in Atlanta at a meeting
the Joint (U.S.A – U.S.) Drafting
mittee. We are making progress
well be slow progress but
looks now as if reunion

ll be possible within ten(±)

ys

Ever affectionately

Jess

ebruary 24, 1945

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Through Donald Carruthers I have learned of your recovery from recent illness. I am so glad that you are improving, and trust that you will be your former self before long.

You may not know it, but since my Princton days you have had a profound effect both upon my thoughts and life. I mention this merely to voice my sincere thankfulness that you have been spared to the church and to the influence that you have always exemplified for Christian living.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. J. W. Claudy.

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February 27, 1945

Dr.Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Bob;

Your letter has just come to Mrs. Randall, and she has kindly placed it on my desk. You see I am filling in for the time being at the earnest request of the Sunday Evening Club. Clifford Barnes and I talked matters over from the very inception of this Club, which he began just about the time I came to Chicago over thirty-five years ago.

We will be glad to reserve a room for you at the Union League Club as suggested. I hope I may be able to see something of you. Mrs.Stone and the boys join in cordial remembrances to you and yours. How grateful we are that you are better, and have been given this renewed vigor! We thought of you so constantly when you were ill, and you were so gracious to write as you always do.

Ever affectionately,

John Timothy

DR. ALEXANDER W. CURRIE
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Mr Speer

I had a note partly written to you when yours came. I was up to have my eyes gone over & after called to find you gone.

I will be glad to see you at one o'clock on the 3rd.

I do hope you are not taking any rest. Best regards to Mrs Speer & yourself

Yours Very Sincerely
Alex Currie

Winter Park, 4th Mch

My dear Robert,

Every Sunday as I pass into my place in the Central Congrl church, Dr. Dunham, of Female Coll, Sunday, hails me with the inquiry "Have I have any word from your husband?" works, not having received of your [illegible], I have been unable to pass on any word; I agreed to write at once to you, Nell, and obtain a bulletin. was at Lakeville that I last heard of you to be, and I hope inquiry may strike oil! I have had a happy fortnight with my dear daughters. Mary is quite an active K K G — on national board & Elizabeth's Elizabeth is in the same sorority; so the

Kap has made quite a fuss o
them, entertaining them at their g
nate headquarters, he "Hearthst
on Lake Virginia over a week
Being next door to "Shadow lan
the lovely home of my friend, Dr
B. Updyke, Author of "Appreciation
in Art & Nature, the
girls came in contact with that Choc
Spirit - this wife, who took a great
ing to them & is wanting them to
a visit - in their home; Mrs Updyke
good enough to tell her husband "the wi
she could see more of those nice wome
gone long". So you see they made qu
a hit".

Dr. Hamilton Holt has kept Wind
very much alive with "Sunday" ve
at "Rollins". Dear Mrs Tra

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March 7, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Robert:

We missed you yesterday and all the brethren were asking about you. I read your letter to the Board and it was their desire that I send you their felicitations upon your recovery and their fond regards. We all thank God for His goodness in guarding and guiding you through your severe illness and His evident purpose to use you further in proclaiming the gospel of His blessed Son to this needy world.

We had a fine series of meetings on Monday and Tuesday. The concluding Commencement Exercises on Tuesday afternoon were very helpful with fine addresses by Dr. Lowry and Dr. Mackay. You will read the details of the meetings of the Administrative Committee and the Board of Trustees in the Minutes that will be coming to you in due time.

We had a fine meeting with the Alumni Council and reached an agreement that appears to be satisfactory to all. You will receive the conclusions in the Minutes. It is sufficient to say here that there will be no steps taken at the present time to change the Charter. The members of the Alumni Council saw the inadvisability of trying to do that and they did not press the matter.

May I say again that we are all happy and grateful for your progress in the recovery of your strength and we send you our fond regards and best wishes.

Remember me to Mrs Speer, please.

Faithfully yours,

Ben

Benjamin F. Farber
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Good Samaritan Hospital
3/10/45

Dear Dr. Spear:-

Jesse Bader was in to see me yesterday and stated that you were in the hospital for a prostate operation also. I have progressed well and expect to go home tomorrow. I hope you get on rapidly. Your fine physical stamina will aid you. The modern operation for this trouble is remarkable. Our many common interests are added to by membership in this reluctant, but necessary fraternity.

With Every Good Wish,
Stephen.

ear Doctor Speer —

What a lovely thing
you to do — to take the time
d strength to write a
te to me! It pleased me
re than I can say.

Isn't it wonderful
at you are so well and
le to be active again
the useful pursuits
u so enjoy and excel in.
hen I read that you had
alked four miles. I must

admit. I thought my eyes were deceiving me - and re-read that part several times. Be careful you don't tackle Too much for awhile. Take a little time to have enough reserve for the strenuous program you have been granted!

Mrs Spear, too, has been expending much strength and effort all this time! and having had the extra task of the culinary department she must be almost ready for a period of real relaxation. You are both remarkable

ersons to meet situations
nd challenges the
ny you do. It is certainly
lesson and example
the rest of us.

My special thoughts
ill be with you on Easter
ay in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Elliott

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ch the thirteenth.

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March 16, 1945

Dear Robert:

I have heard of your illness, with much regret. I am so pleased to know that you are able to leave the hospital and be at home.

As I go about the country on my frequent journeys, many ministers inquire about you. They express deep interest and concern for they all have an affectionate regard for you.

I hope you are making a rapid and a complete recovery. We need your help in our evangelism right now more than ever.

I had a half hour with Dr. Mott yesterday. He is a great soul.

Best wishes and God bless you.

Cordially yours,

Jesse
Executive Secretary

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